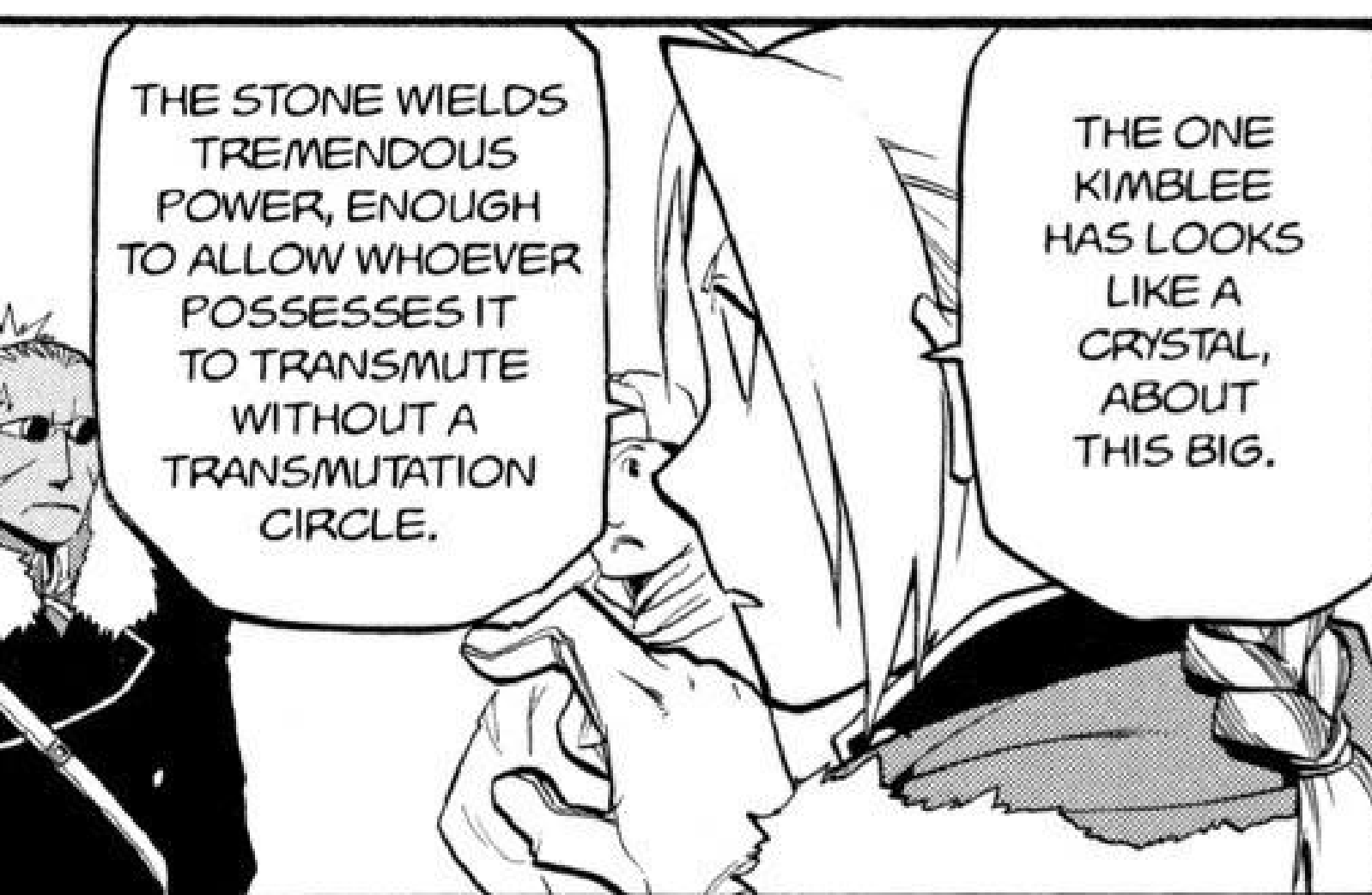
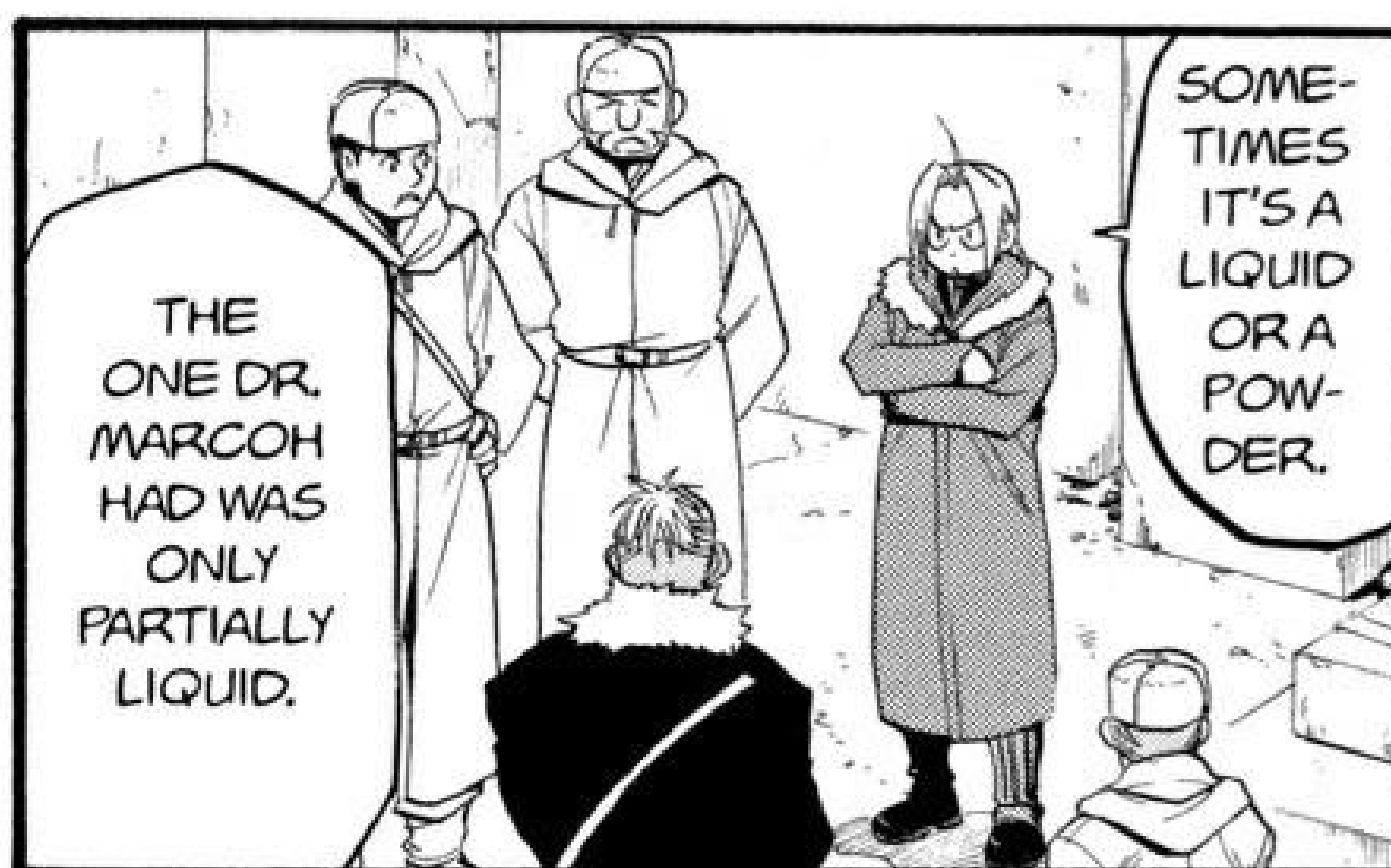
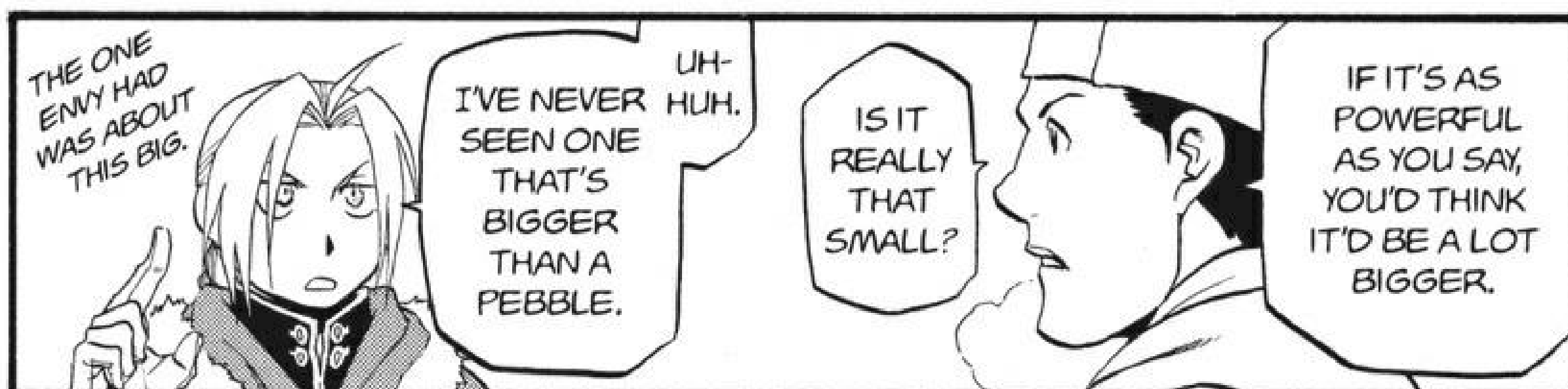
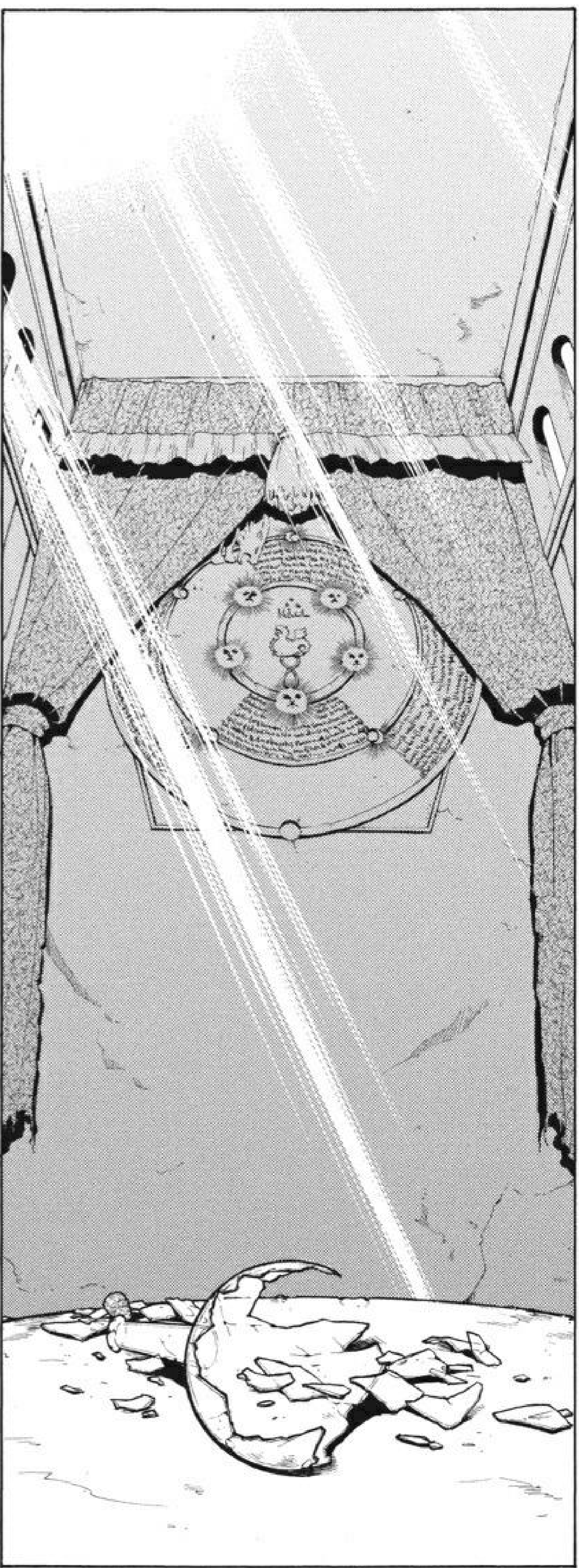


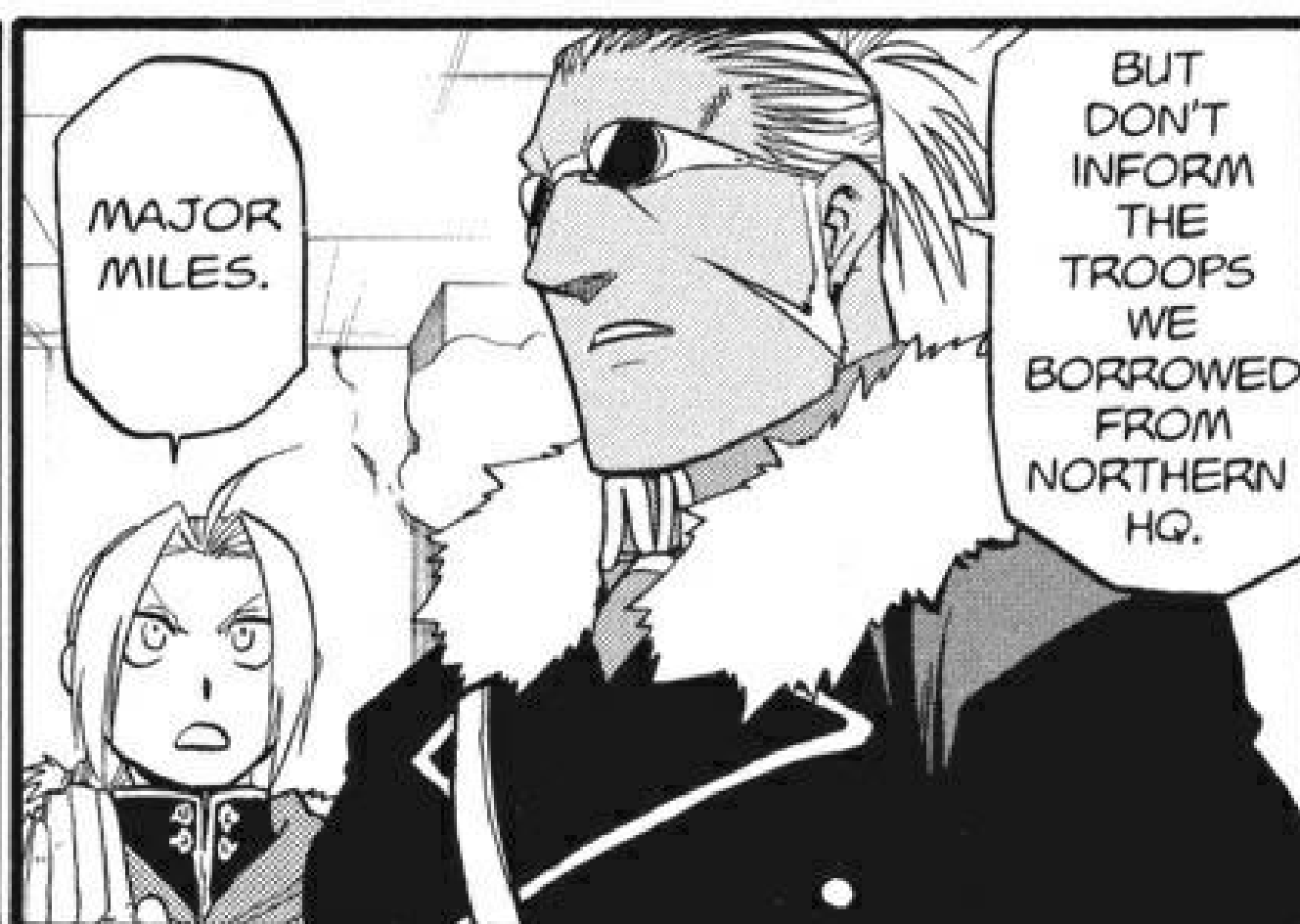
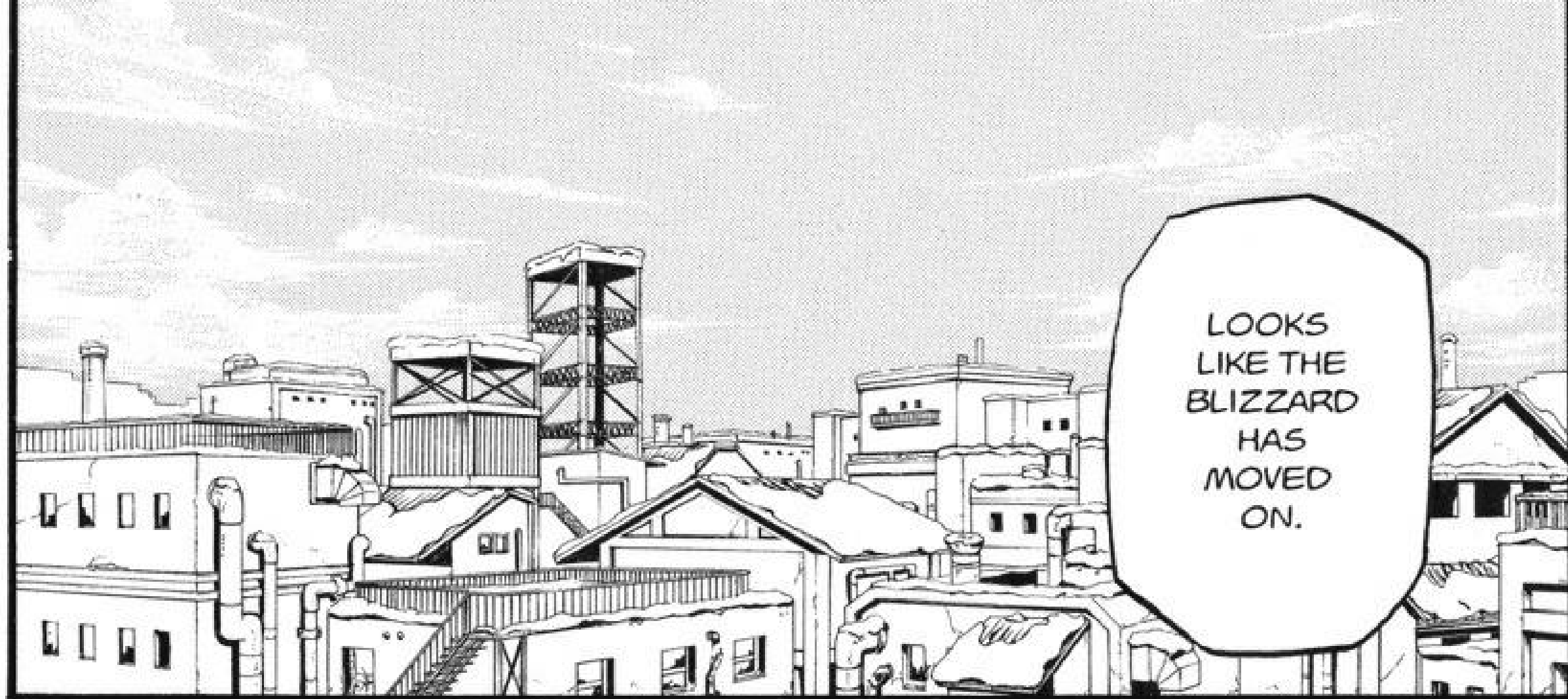






Chapter 76

Shape of a Person, Shape of a Stone



LIKE I SAID,
WHY NOT JUST
PREVENT HIM FROM
BEING ABLE TO USE
ALCHEMY... CAPTURE
HIM, AND MAKE
HIM TALK?



I DON'T
THINK WE
SHOULD
ELIMINATE
HIM JUST
YET.

ONE OF THESE
DAYS, THAT SOFT
HEART OF YOURS
IS GOING TO GET
YOU KILLED.



WHAT
ABOUT
HIS
MEN?



YOU
REALLY
THINK
HE'LL
TELL
US
ANY-
THING
?
HE'S
TOO
DANGER-
OUS.
WE
CAN'T
LET HIM
LIVE.

DON'T
FORGET
THE
FIRST
LAW OF
BRIGGS-

"ONLY
THE
FIT
SURVIVE."



MAYBE THEY WERE
TURNED INTO
CHIMERAS AGAINST
THEIR WILL AND
THEY HAVE NO
CHOICE BUT TO
FOLLOW ORDERS.

BUT
"MAYBE"
ISN'T
GOOD
ENOUGH.

MAYBE
SO.



IF KIMBLEE
AND THE
OTHER TWO
LET THEIR
GUARD DOWN,
I'LL HAVE
THEM
ELIMINATED.

LIKE MAJOR
GENERAL
ARMSTRONG ALWAYS
SAYS, CARELESS
PEOPLE AREN'T
WELCOME IN
THIS LAND.





HE'S NAÏVE
TO THINK
HE CAN
SURVIVE IN
THIS WORLD
WITHOUT
KILLING
ANYONE.

UH
HUH.

HE'S
JUST
A KID
AFTER
ALL,
SIR.

KLAK

KLAK

KLAK



HEH
HEH

ME
TOO.

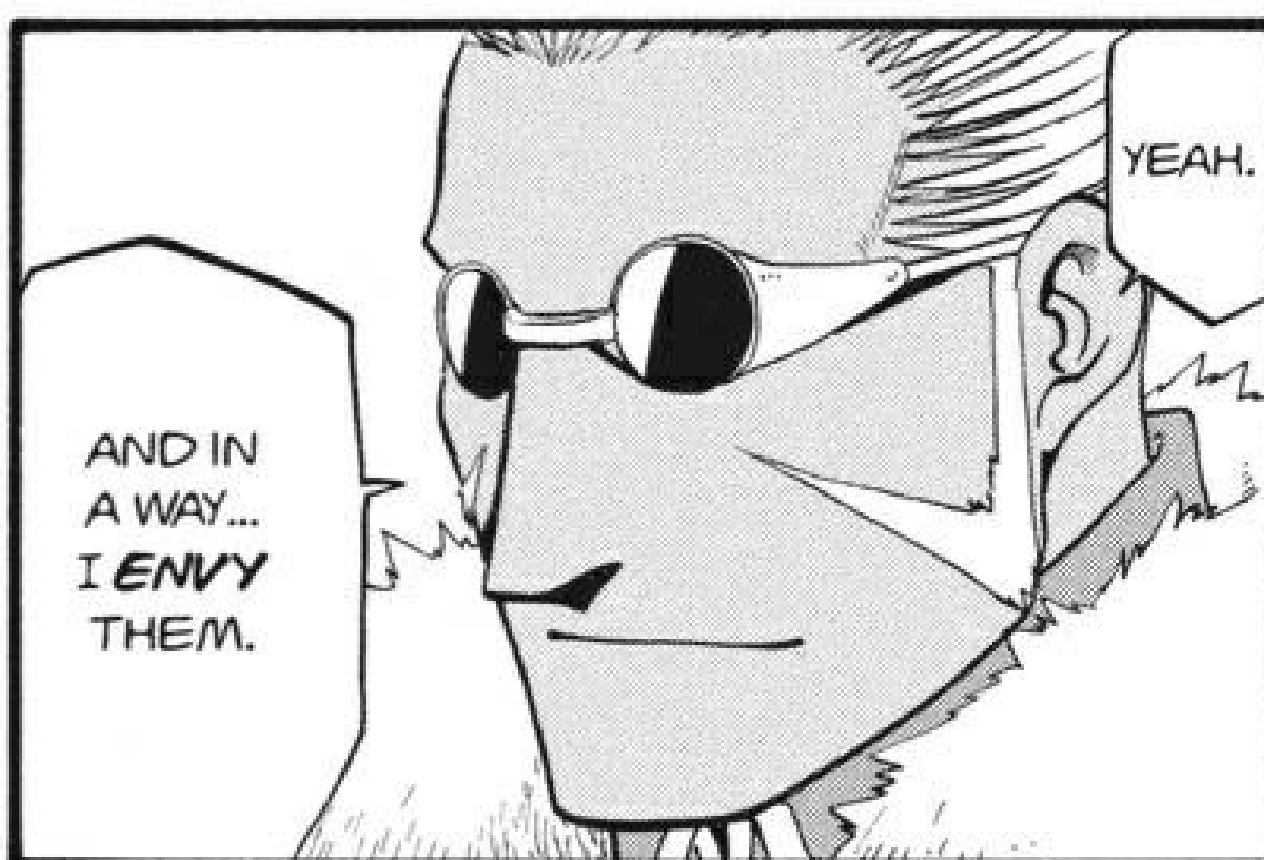
BUT
THERE
WAS A
TIME,
SIR...
...WHEN
I FELT
THE
SAME
WAY.



I
GUESS
THEY
LIKE
TO GO
AGAINST
THE
GRAIN.

HA
HA
HA.

THE ELRIC
BROTHERS
HAVE
CHOSEN
THE MORE
DIFFICULT
PATH.



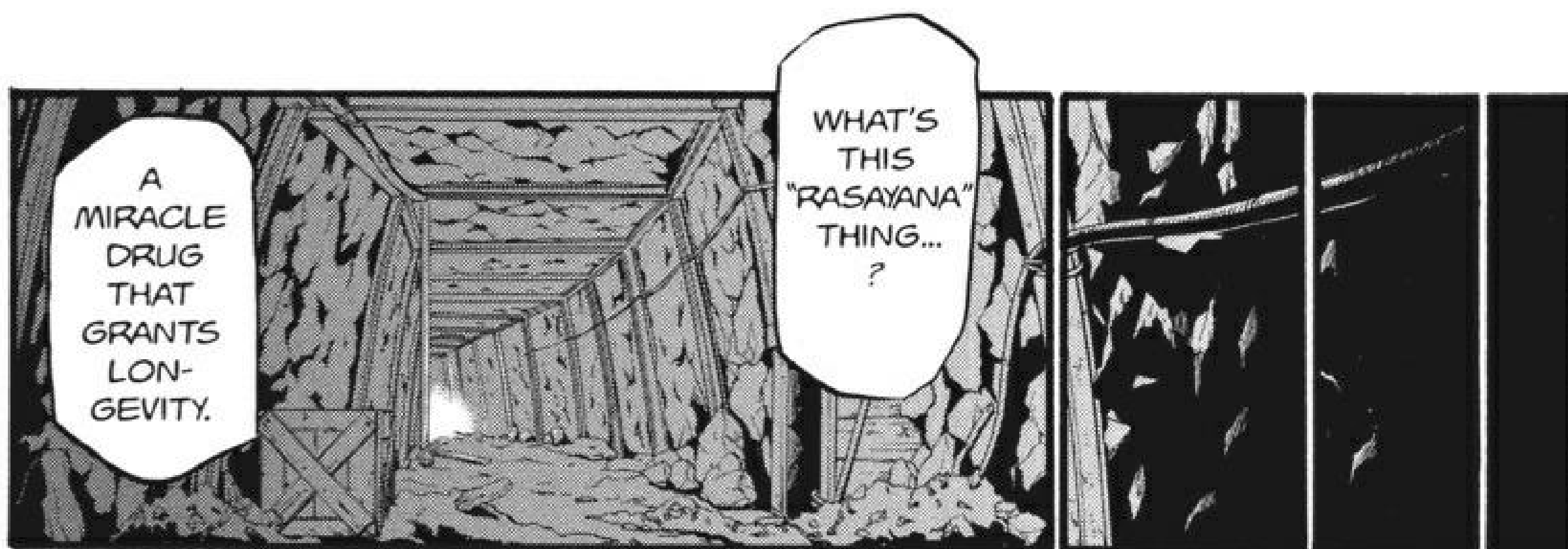
AND IN
A WAY...
I *ENVY*
THEM.

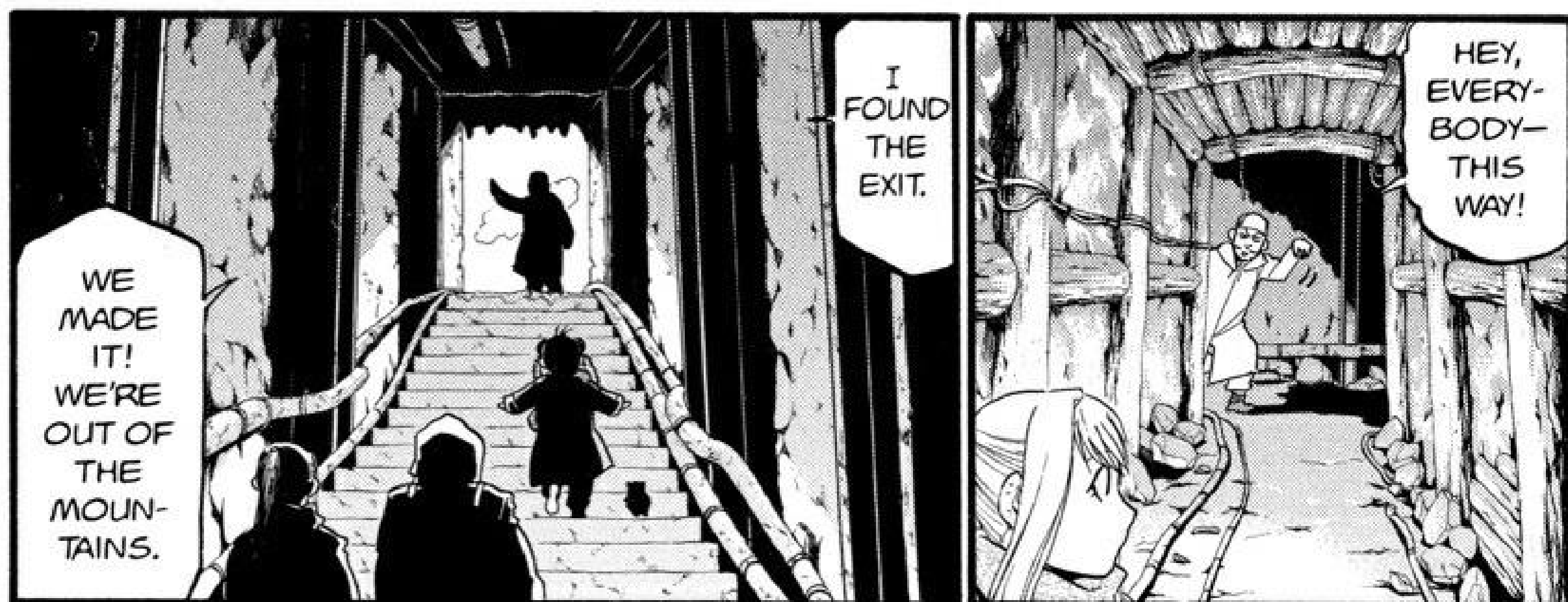
YEAH.



BUT WHEN
HE'S LIVED
AS LONG
AS I HAVE
AND SEEN
AS MANY
BATTLES...

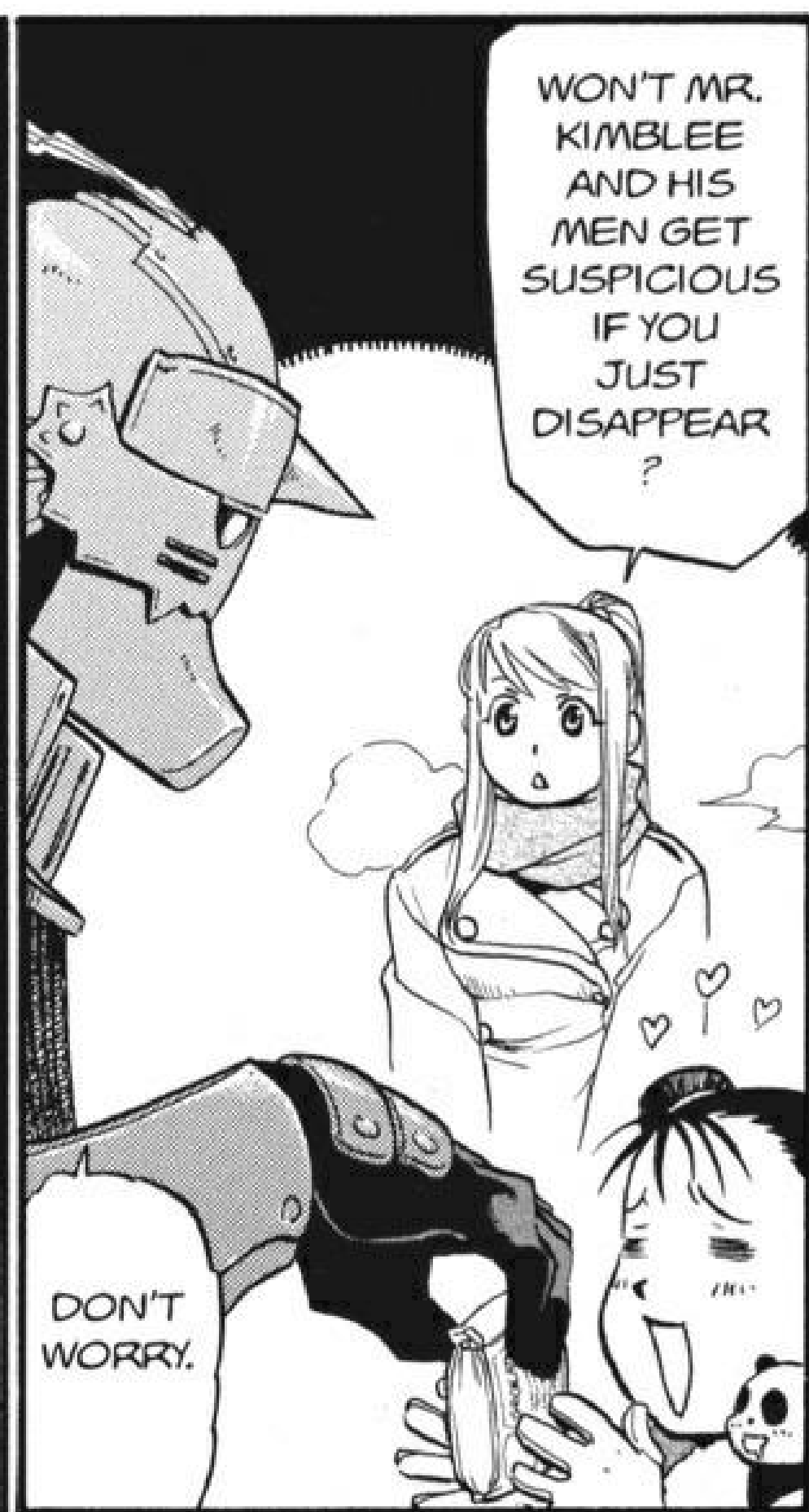
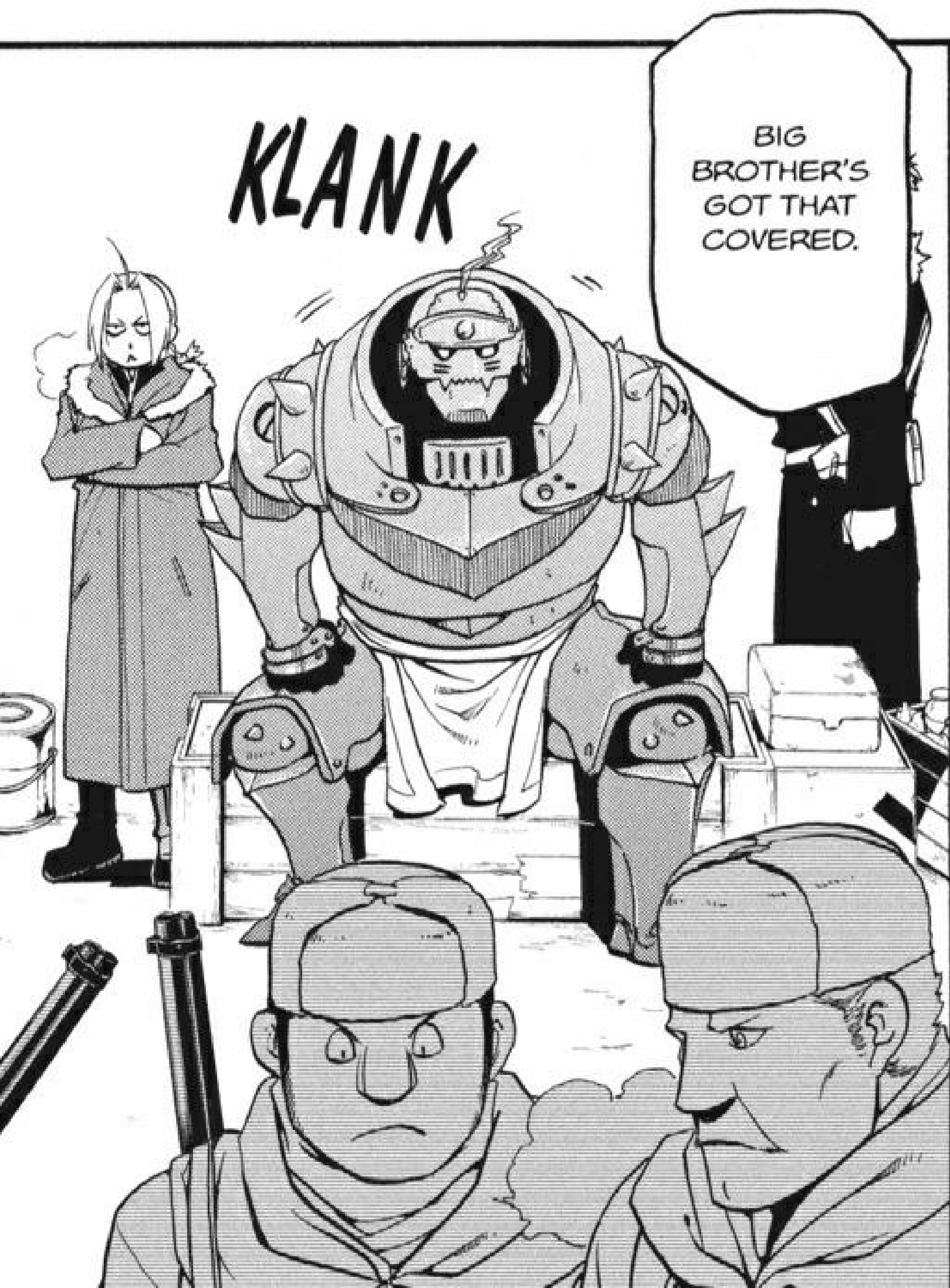
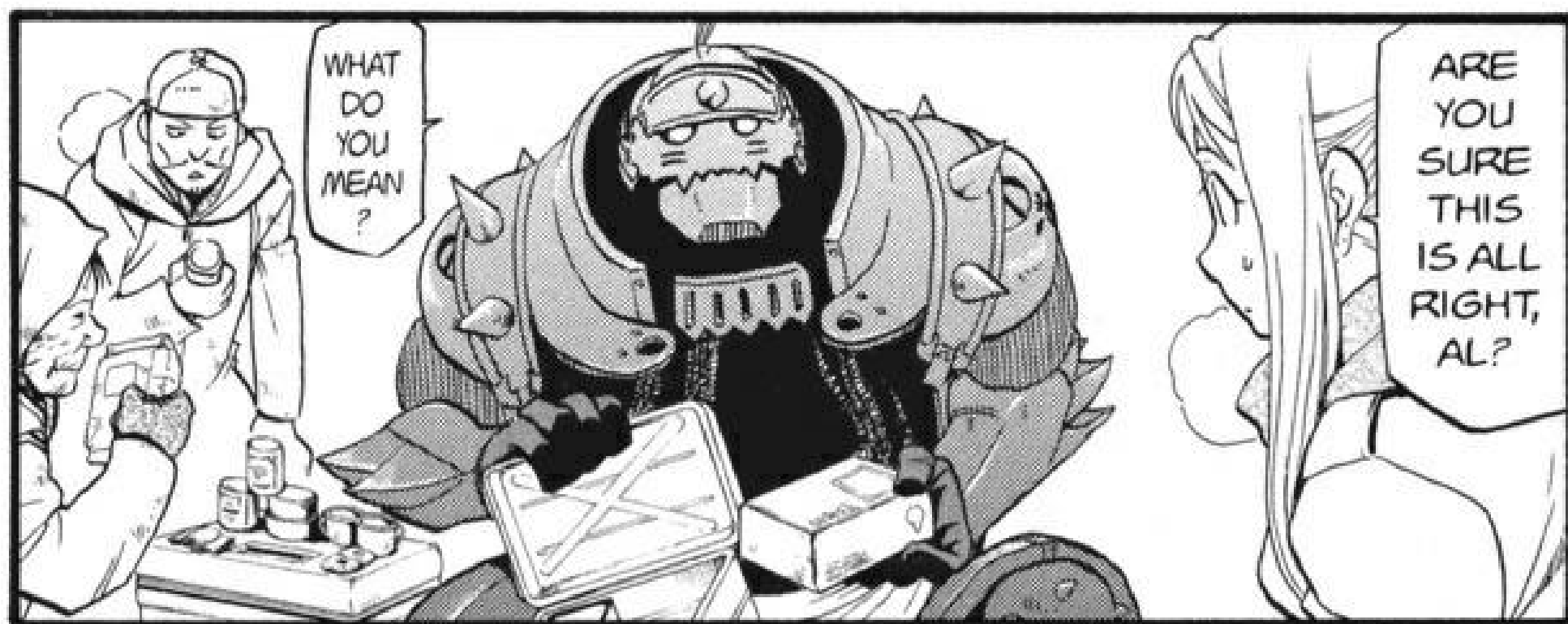
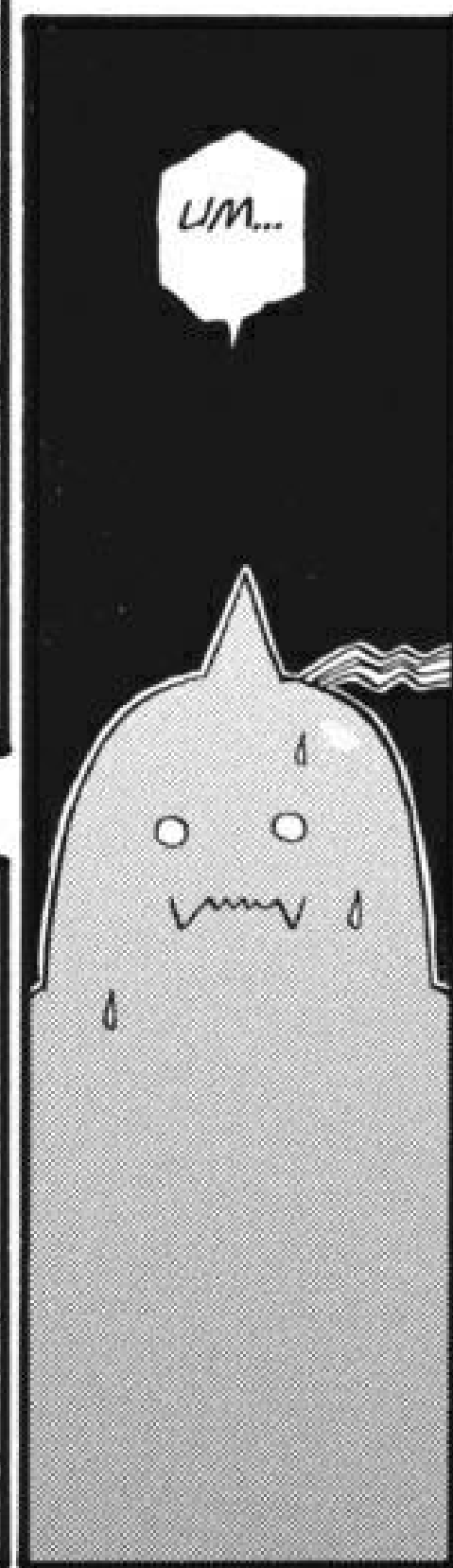
...HE'LL
UNDERSTAND
HOW MUCH
HARDER IT IS
TO *SPARE*
A LIFE THAN
TO KILL.

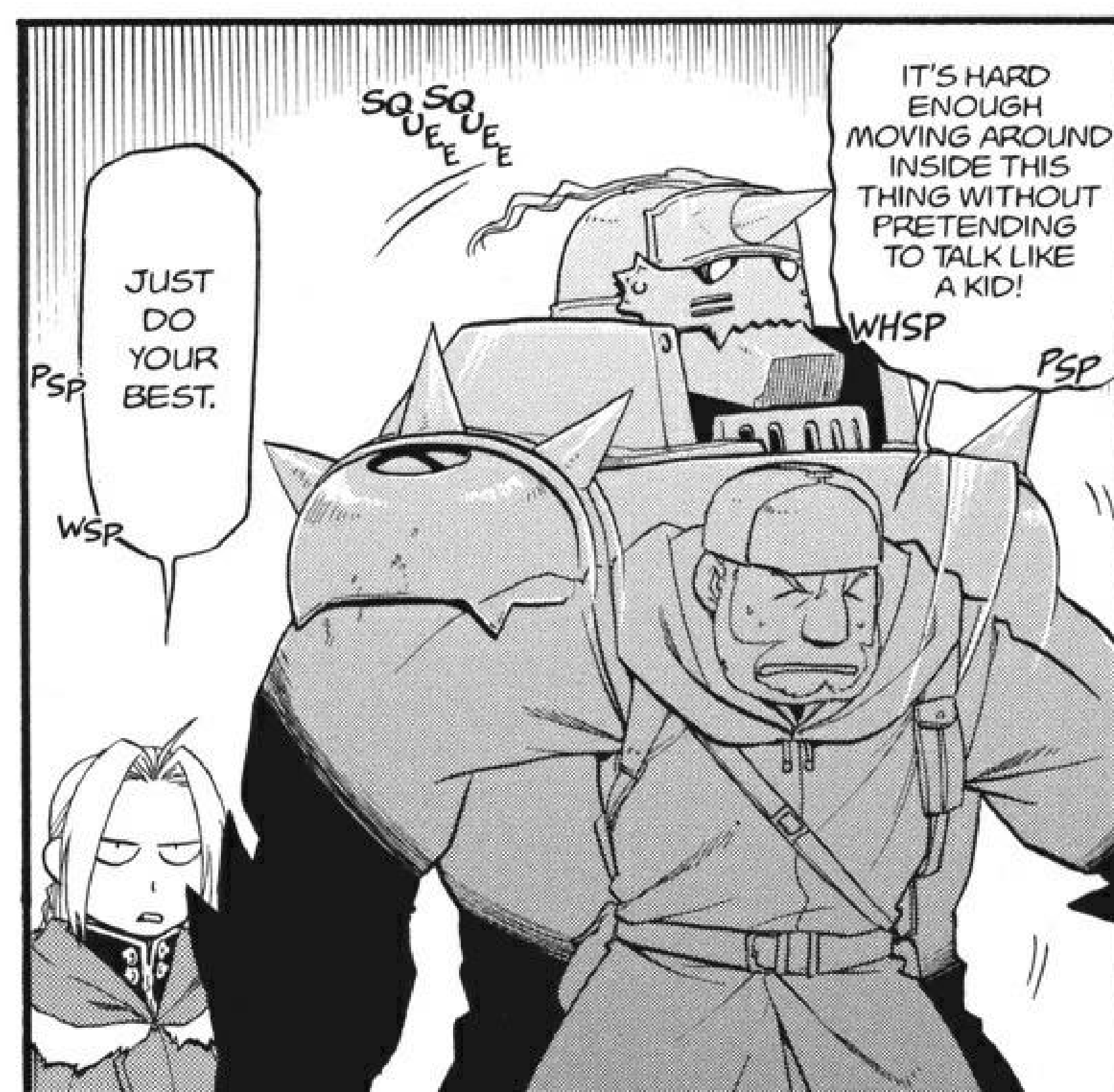
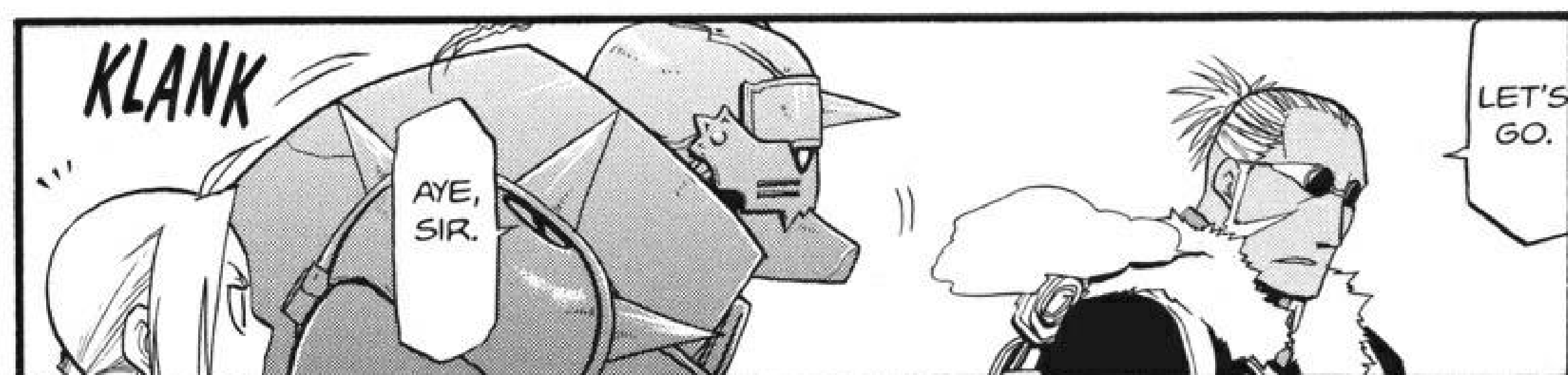
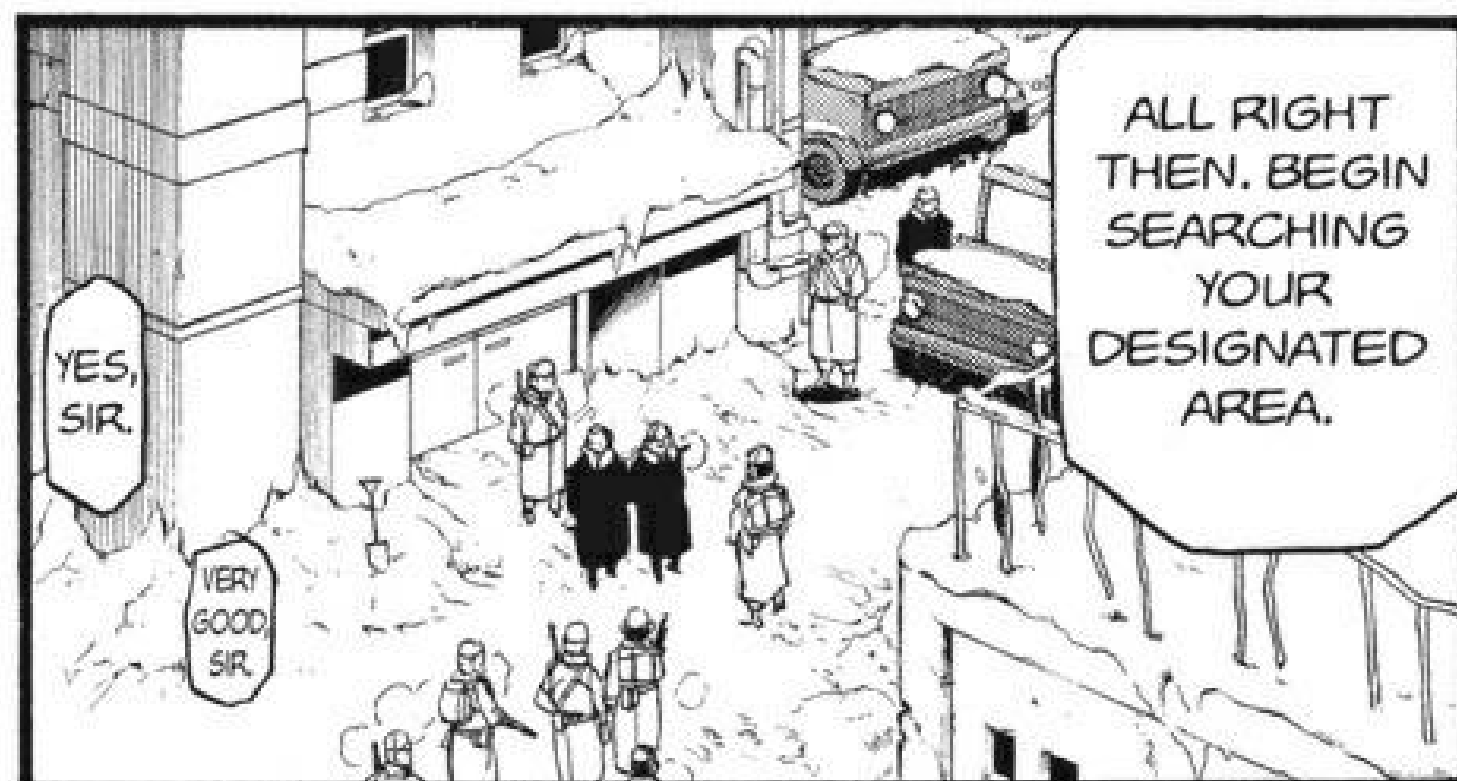


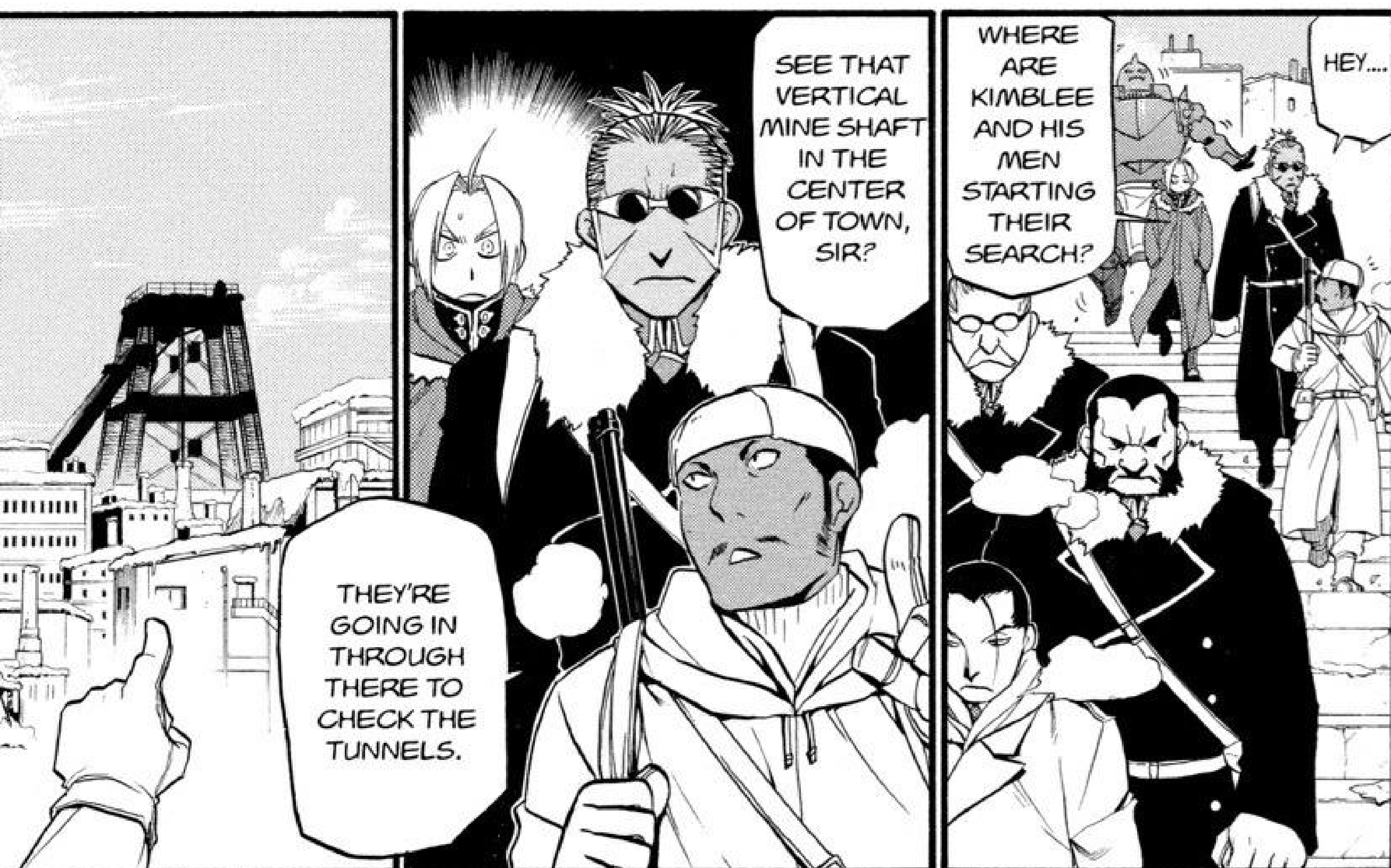
















YOU'RE HERE
TO BUY
TIME UNTIL
THE SNIPERS
MOVE INTO
POSITION,
AREN'T YOU?



I'M ONLY HERE
BECAUSE YOU
PROMISED TO
GIVE ME THE
PHILOSOPHER'S
STONE IF I HELPED
YOU CATCH SCAR.



...HOW
DID YOU
KNOW
?



THAT'S
A
LIE.

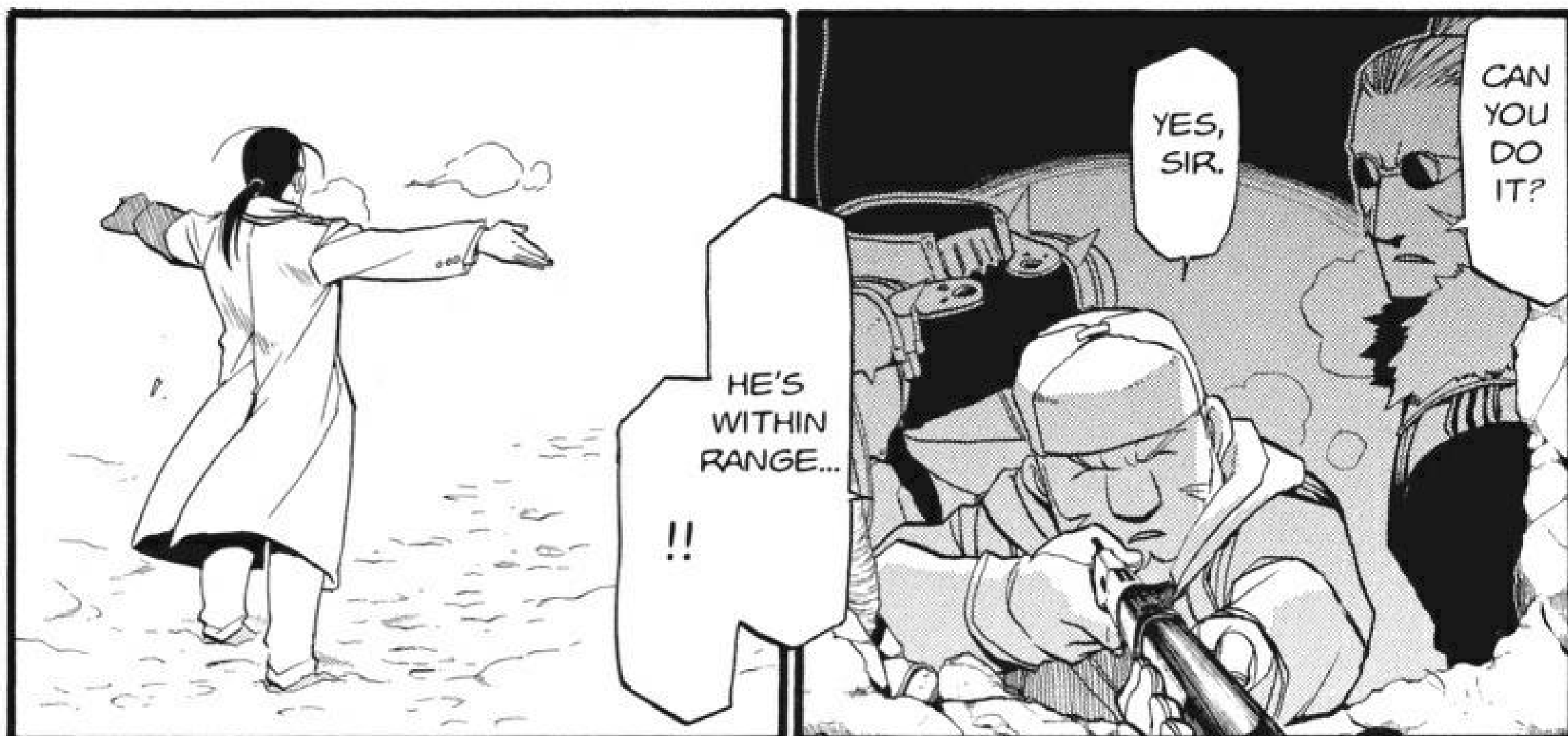


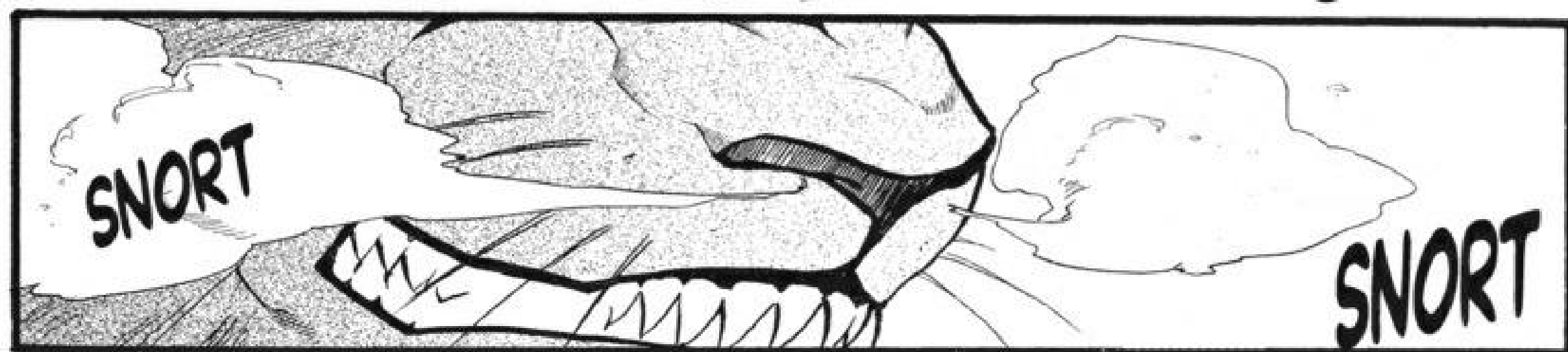
WELL, I
SURVIVED
THE WAR
IN ISHBAL,
AFTER
ALL.



YOU COULD
CUT THE
TENSION
IN THE AIR
WITH A
KNIFE. IT'S
OBVIOUS.

YOU'RE
QUICK.







ZAAAAAH

AT LEAST
THEY CAN'T
SEE ME
EITHER SO
WE'RE IN
THE SAME—

WHY
THAT
LIT-
TLE...

I
CAN'T
SEE
ANY-
THING
IN
THIS
CLOUD
OF
SNOW.

PUFF
PUFF

GAK
!

YOU CAN'T
SEE US,
BUT
WE CAN
SMELL
YOU.

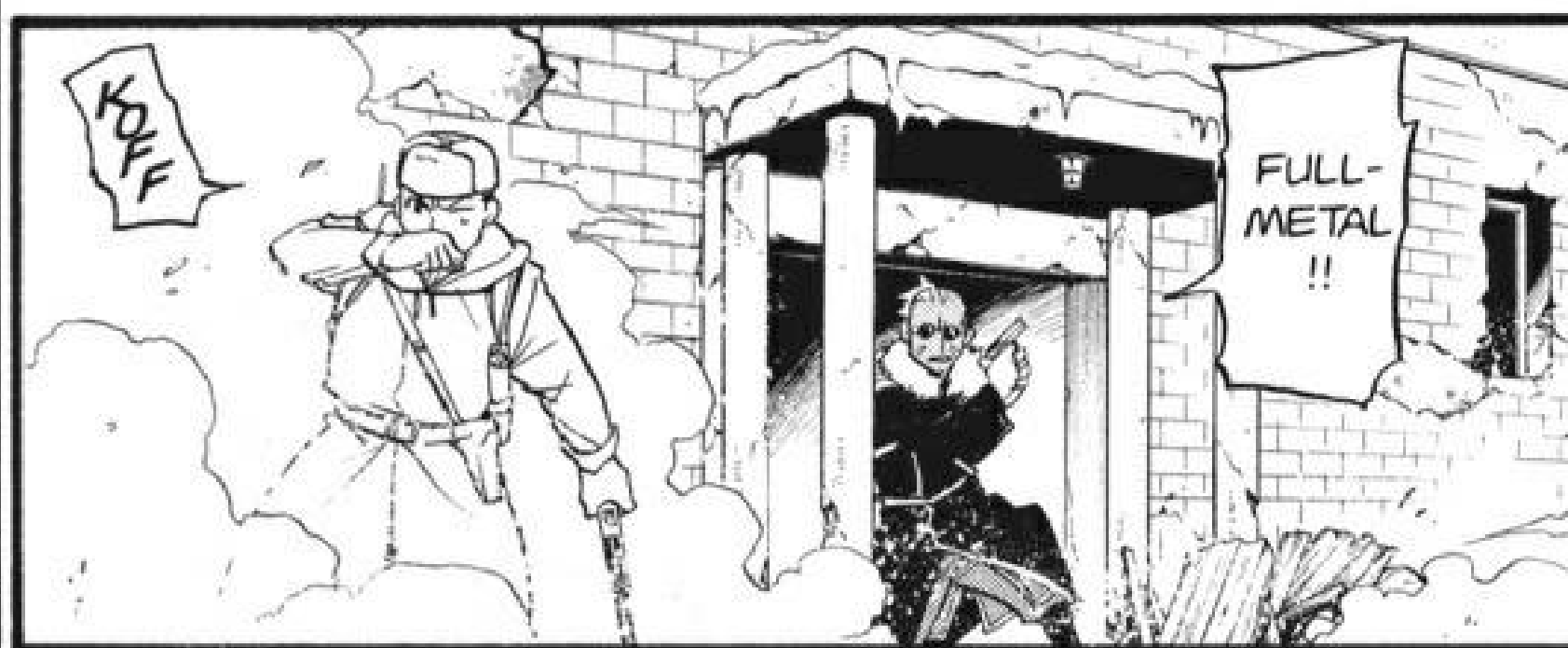
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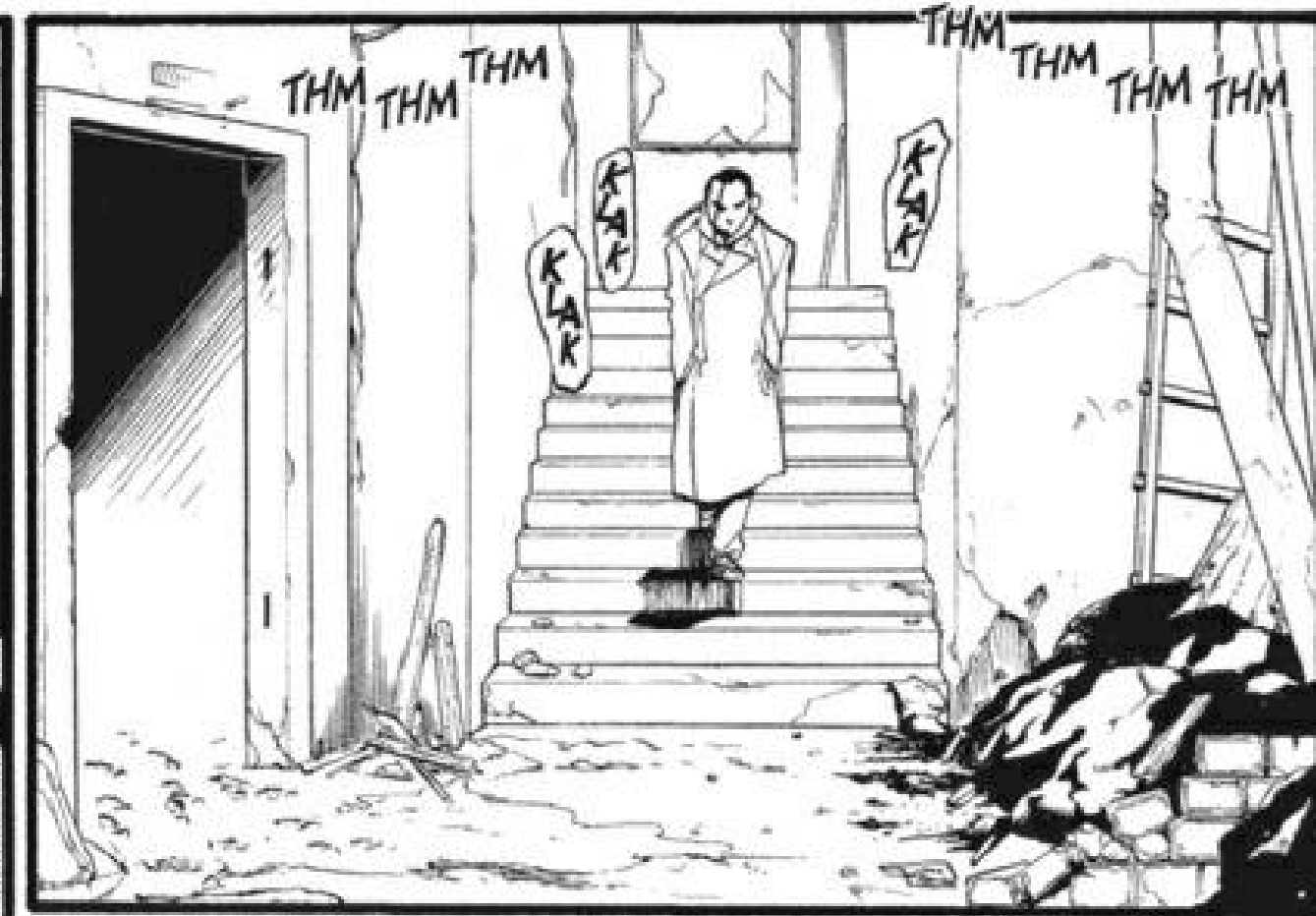
SQUEEZE

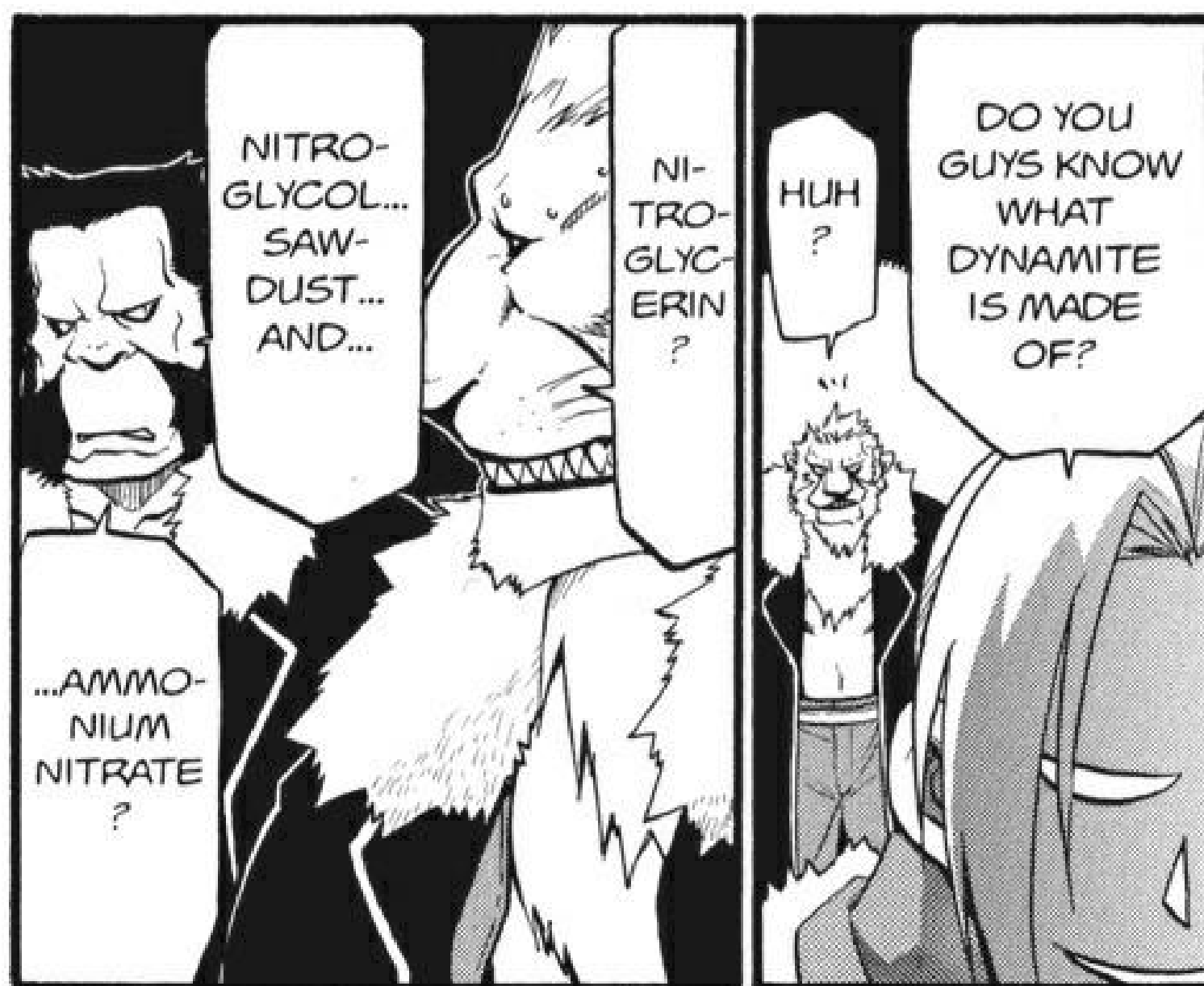
YOU CAN'T
HIDE
FROM US,
FULLMETAL
ALCHEMIST.

BZASH

SHUT...
UP !!





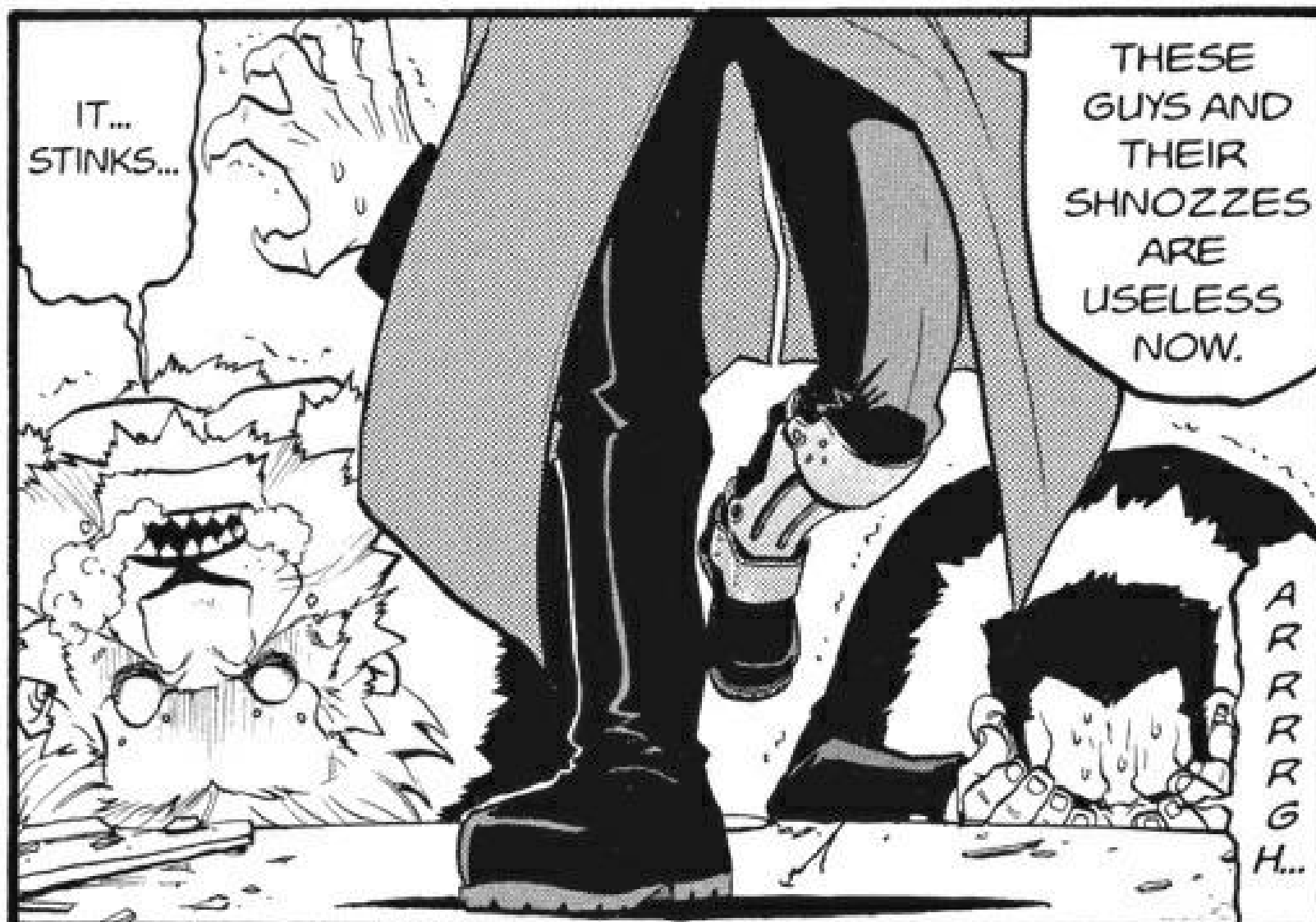






ENOUGH.

WHAT'S THAT SMELL?



IT... STINKS...

THESE GUYS AND THEIR SHNOZZES ARE USELESS NOW.

ARRRRGH...



AMMONIA!

A STRONG SENSE OF SMELL HAS ITS DOWN-SIDE.

PIF

POP



YOU REALLY ARE A HOT-HEAD.

GOOD GRIEF.



I JUST WANT YOU TO TELL ME EVERYTHING YOU KNOW.

SPILL IT.



I WAS JUST RELEASED FROM THE HOSPITAL, SO I'M NOT IN THE MOOD TO BREAK BONES FIGHTING A YOUNGSTER LIKE YOU.

RUSTLE

NOT TO MENTION THAT I HAVE MORE PRESSING BUSINESS TO ATTEND TO.



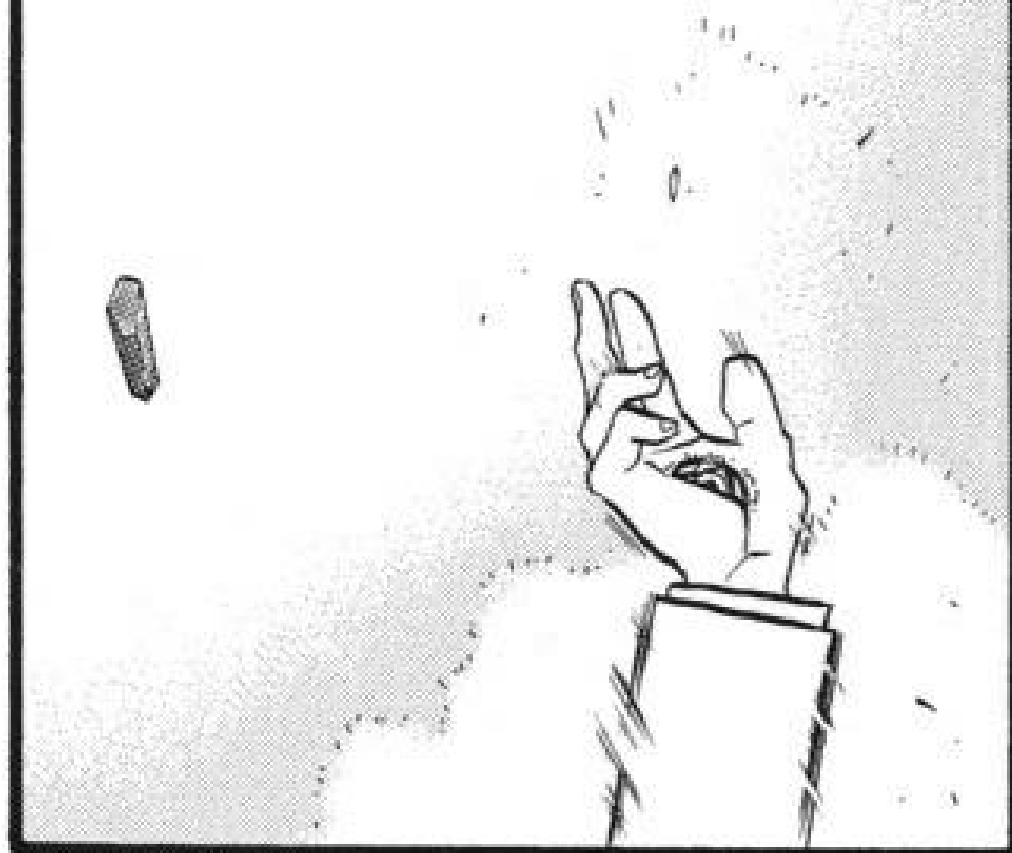
SHRUG

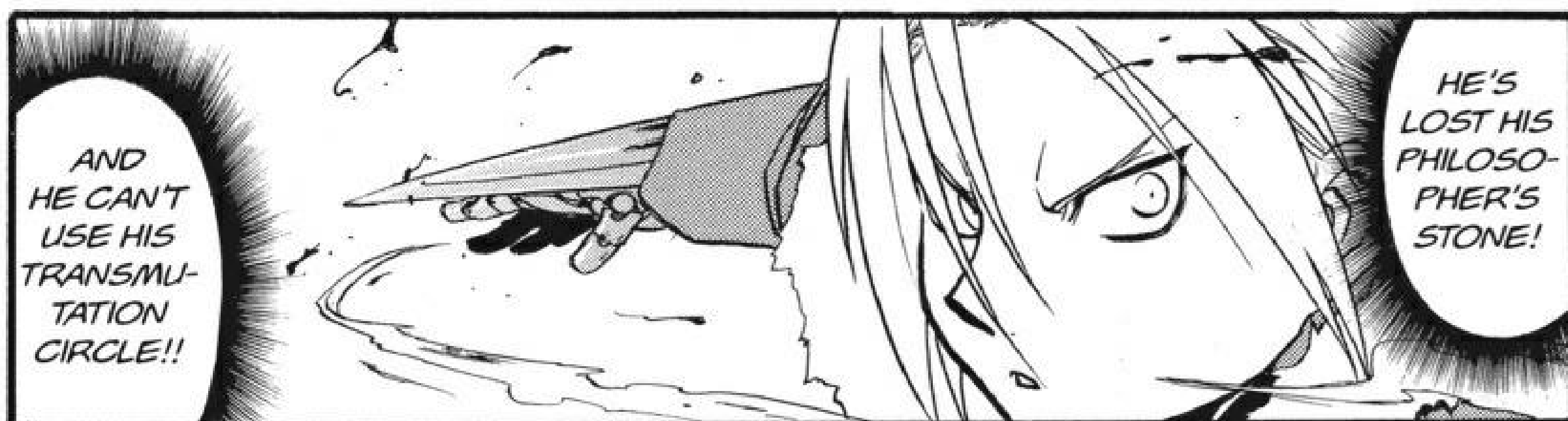
THIS IS WHAT YOU DO AFTER GETTING OUT OF BEING BLACK-MAILED, HUH?

"BLACK-MAILED"

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?







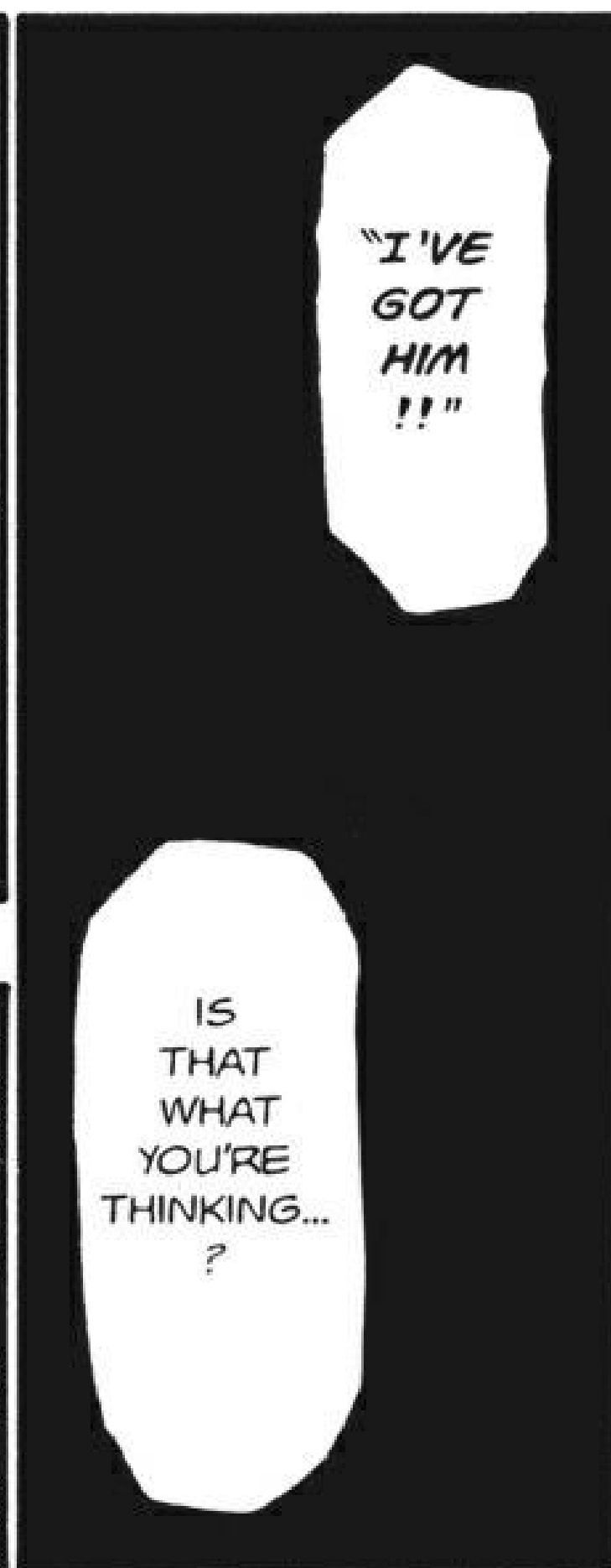
AND
HE CAN'T
USE HIS
TRANSMU-
TATION
CIRCLE!!

HE'S
LOST HIS
PHILOSOPHER'S
STONE!



BUT ON
THE BATTLE-
FIELD, THAT
BECOMES
A WEAKNESS
THAT YOUR
ENEMY WILL
TAKE ADVAN-
TAGE OF.

YOU'RE
DETER-
MINED
NOT TO
KILL...AN
ADMIR-
ABLE
POLICY.



"I'VE
GOT
HIM
!!"

IS
THAT
WHAT
YOU'RE
THINKING...
?



NOW...



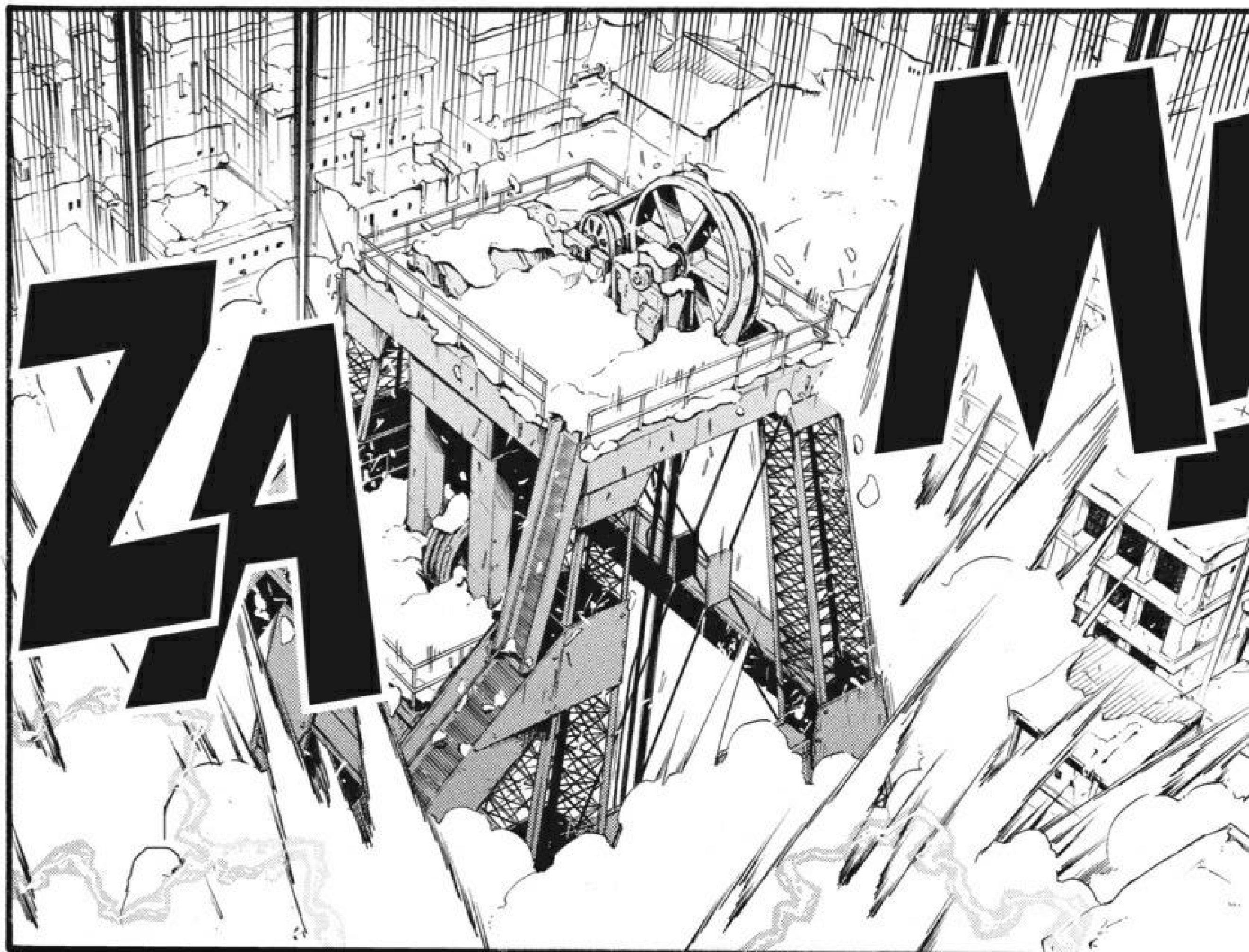
YOU
SHOULD
HAVE
FINISHED
ME OFF
EARLIER
WHEN YOU
HAD THE
CHANCE.



...I
MIGHT
HAVE
ANOTHER
PHILOSOPHER'S
STONE...

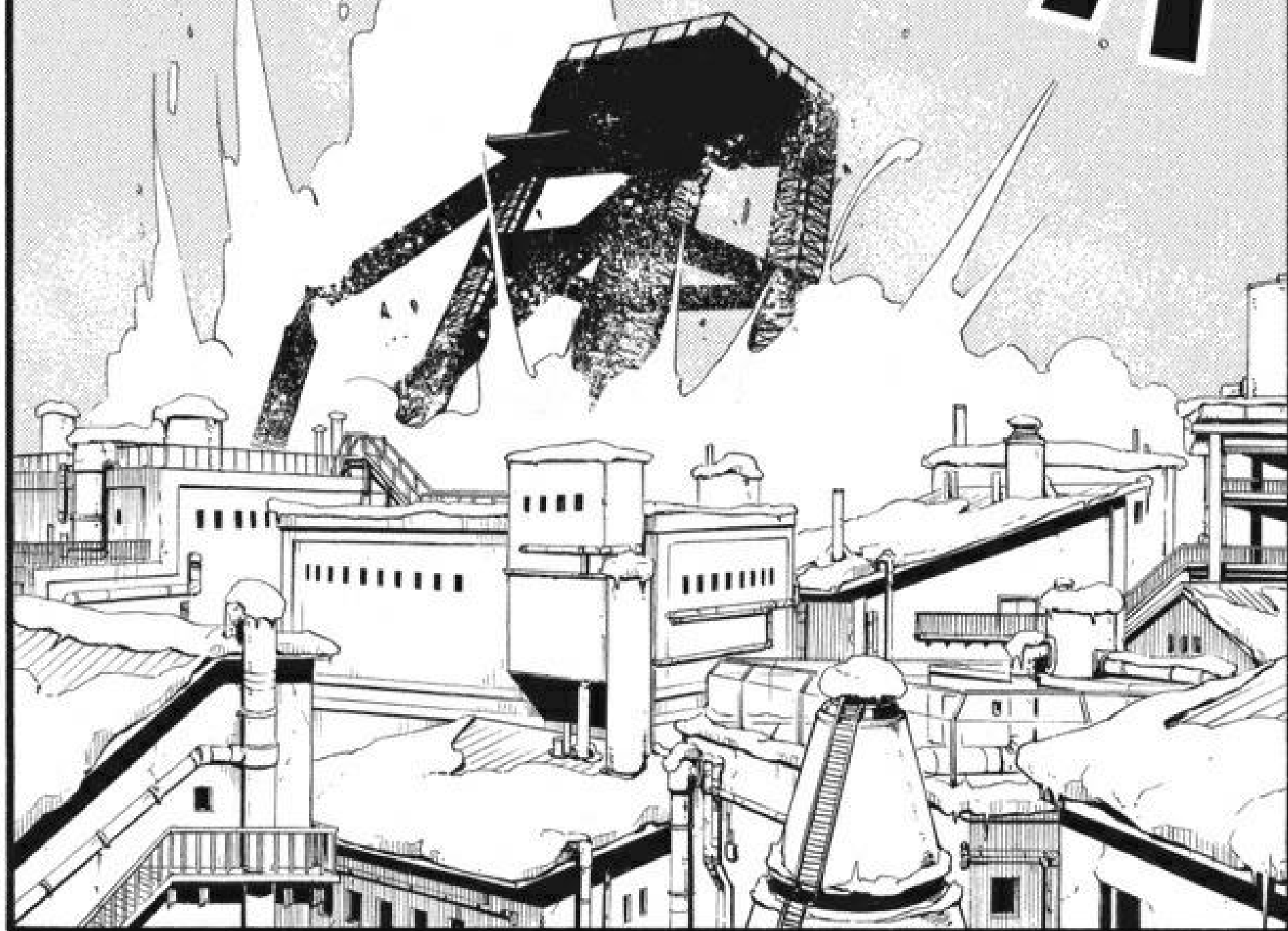
...AND
THE FACT
THAT YOU
DIDN'T
CONSIDER
THE
POSSIBILITY
THAT...

YOUR
NAÏVETÉ...



SLUMP

KLATA KLATA



THM-THM-THM-THM KLATA KLATA

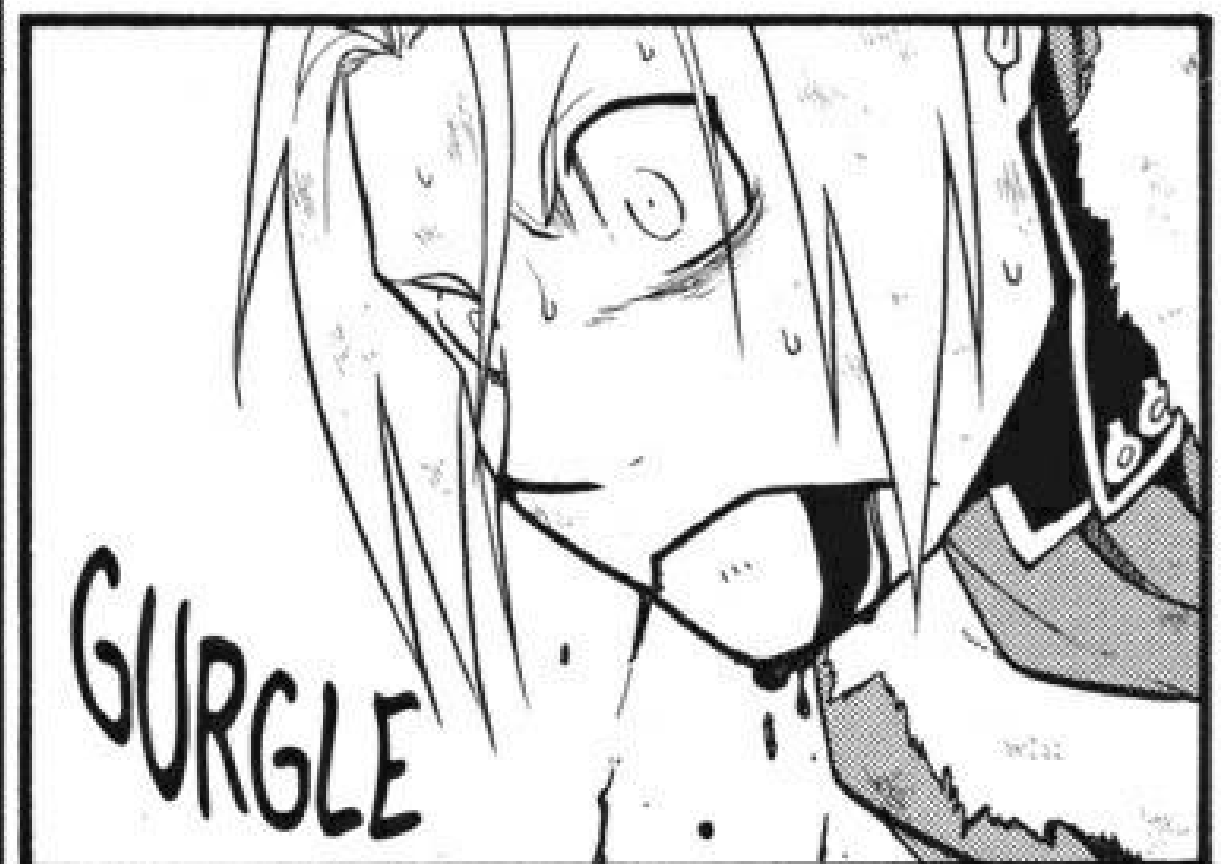


KLINK-TINK-KLINK TINK

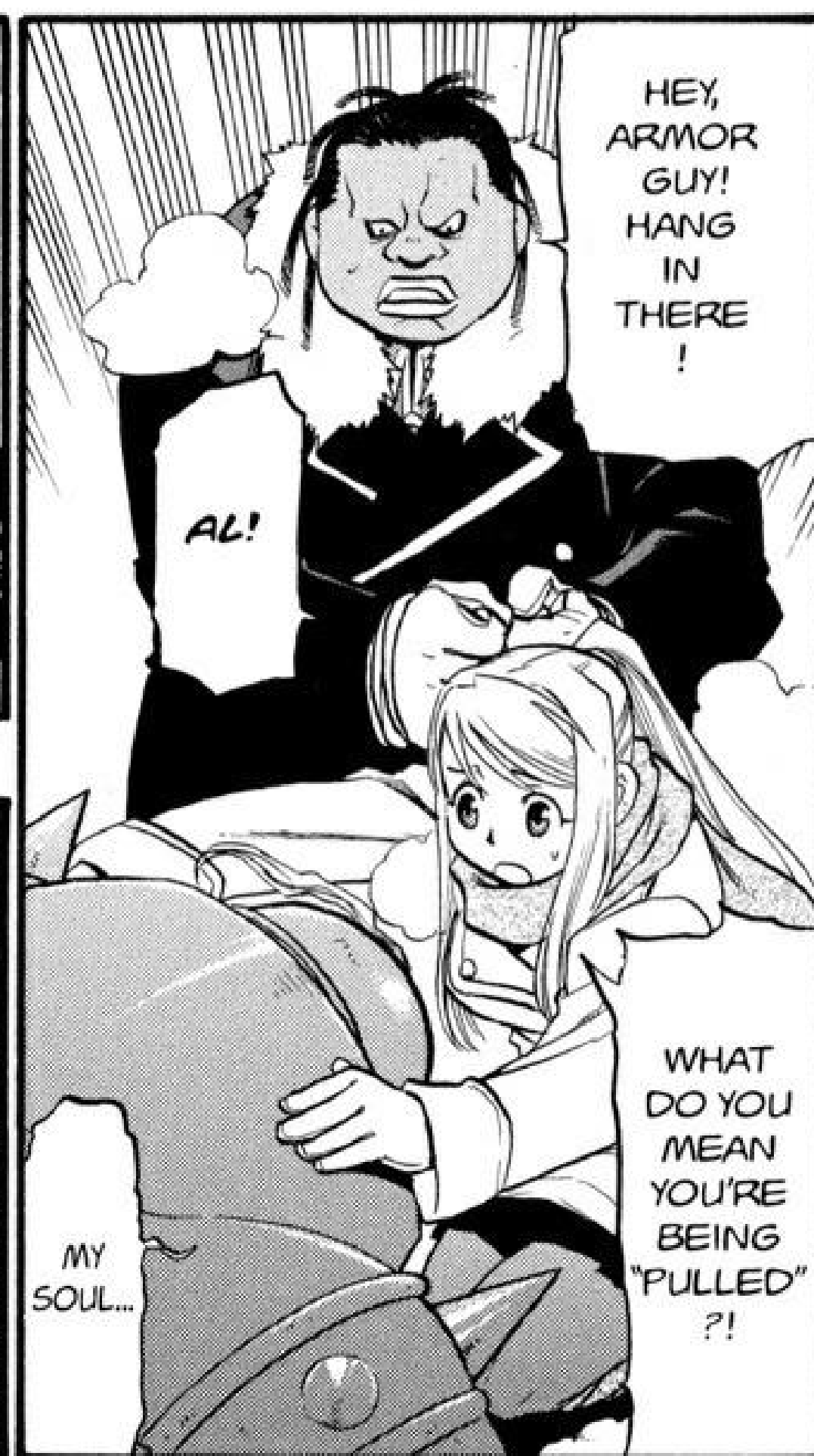
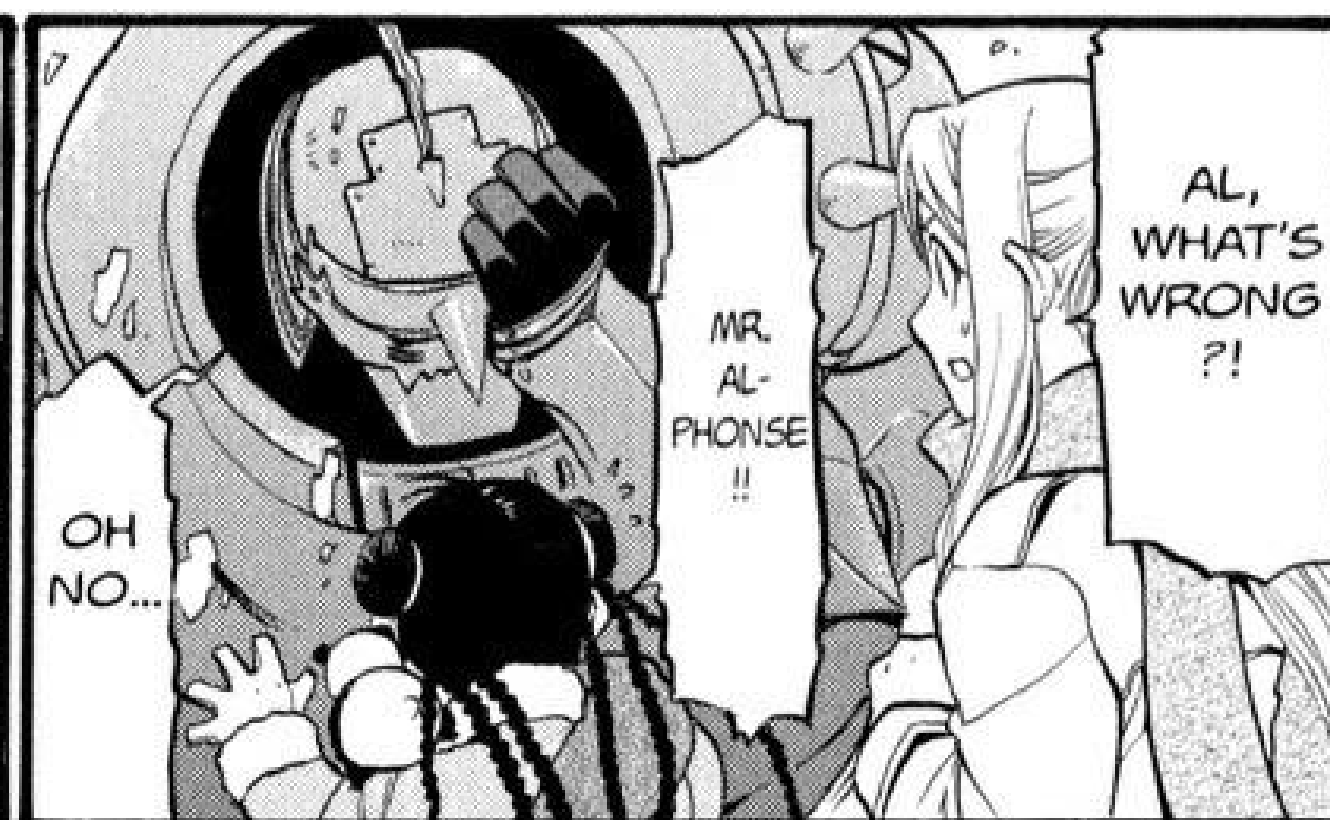
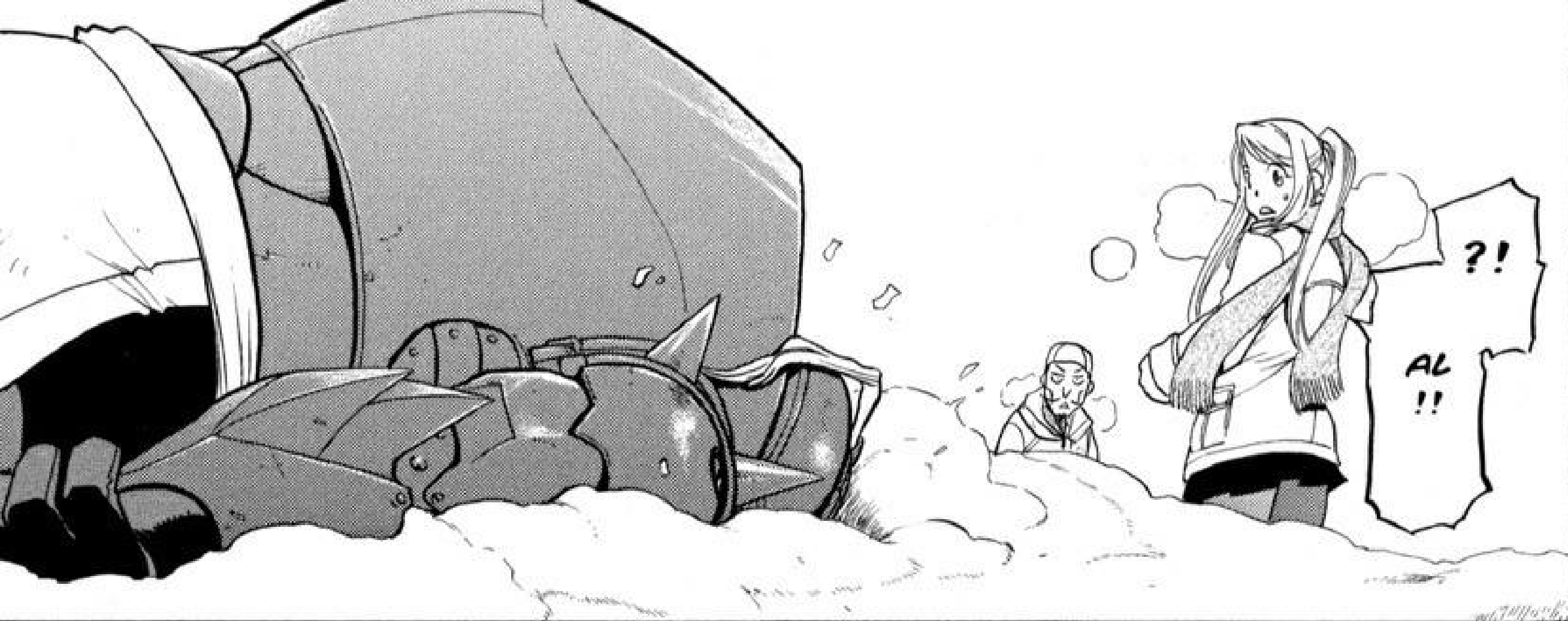


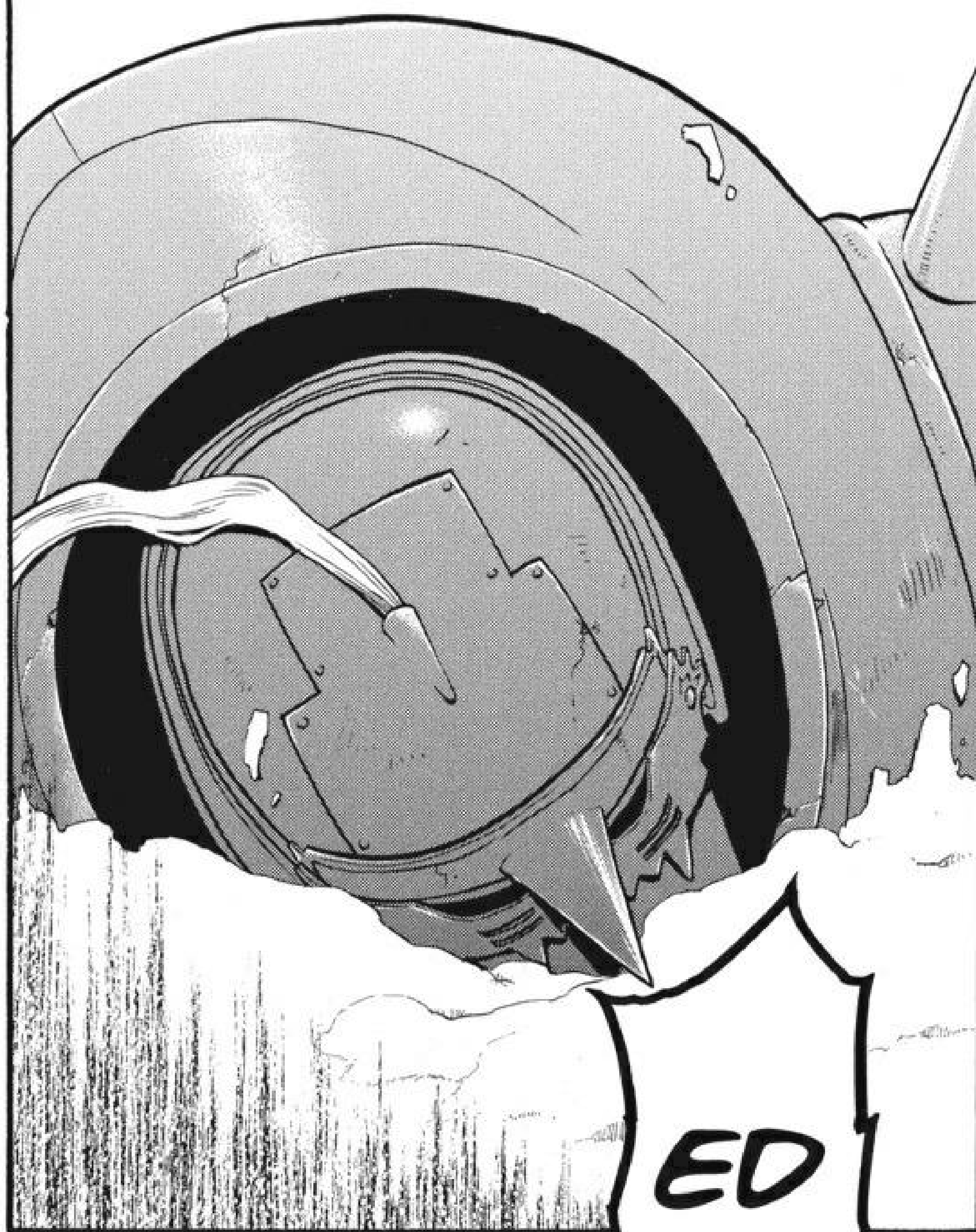


KLATA
KLATA









ED
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SOME-
BODY...